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—A New Year's Meditation

## Rethinking Some Old Ideas

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"I don't need nobody to tell me nothing" blurted the ignorant man forgetting that long ago a wiser man, Thoreau, said, "It is never too late to give up our prejudices." Most everyone needs to shed a few narrow ideas. Facing a new year it is time to rethink many of our opinions.

Too many are like the story I once read of a very small and exclusive religious group who at an annual session hung a huge banner outside the building with just two words "JESUS ONLY." Now it so happened that a storm arose one night and the wind split the sign so that next morning it read "US ONLY." Such is typical of the man with a narrow spirit. I suggest half a dozen notions that need rethinking. There are many more.

We need to rethink many of our pet slogans. Too often we have been satisfied with clever slogans and methods without any practical appreciation. Failure to act makes so many slogans meaningless. We cannot judge a man by his slogans or stock phrases.

Some theologians remain poles apart in actual belief while using the same time-honored theological expressions. Fancy slogans may become a veneer to cover ignorance; substitutes for action, and may actually mislead and deceive. We must rethink our slogans and mottoes to be sure they mean what they say.

### Not Inferiority

We must rethink the attitude that says a man must be like us to be right. Too many are compared to what we are rather than judged for what they actually are. Just because a person was not reared in our part of the country or educated in our own school is not necessarily a mark of inferiority. I remember a young man coming to Seminary from a city in the west and how often he expressed amazement that we had the things they had back home and how we too were civilized. All the while we thought he had come from the wilderness. The Director of Placement at New York University once said he had difficulty getting native New Yorkers to accept teaching positions elsewhere in the United States. He said many of them seemed to think that outside their own big city folk lived in teepees on dirt streets. People do not have to be our duplicate to be right.

We need to rethink the belief that bigness is best. A city is not better because it is bigger. Quantity is not better (Continued on Page 2)

## 2,500 Decisions In Argentina

Argentine Baptists witnessed more than 2,500 manifestations of faith in Christ and hundreds of other decisions during simultaneous revival campaigns just finished. One hundred and twenty-five of the 170 Baptist churches co-operating with the Argentine Baptist Convention participated in the campaigns which began in September and continued into early December.

Many of the churches found their buildings inadequate to accommodate the crowds, but they found ways to witness through street preaching, radio, and house-to-house visitation.

Much of the success of the evangelistic campaigns is attributed by Argentine Baptist leaders to intensive and extensive preparations which began early in the year. Many churches were already reporting increased professions of faith and baptisms when the special effort officially began.

### 810 Members

The 200 members of South District Baptist Church, Rosario, carried out one of the most effective evangelistic programs ever known in Argentina; and the results are being shown in weekly baptismal services. Since the church's visitation and census committee planned and carried out a program of 12,000 contacts for Christ, Baptist work is rapidly becoming an influential factor in the thinking of the people.

Constituent Baptist Church, Buenos Aires, has baptized more people in 1959 than in the three preceding years. The Bahia Blanca Association, where the five churches with a total mem-

### 810 Baptisms Reported

The Argentine Baptist Convention reported 810 baptisms in 1959. The total for 1959 should show a sizeable increase, but an even larger increase will be shown in 1960.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZES

The Executive Committee of the State Convention Board, in a meeting immediately after its election by the Board, formally elected officers and named its committees, according to announcement by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Elected as chairman of the Committee was Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson. Rev. Charles Webb of Cleveland selected as secretary.

The three committees were announced as follows:

Personnel: Rev. Perkins, Dr. Hudgins, and Dr. D. Lewis White, Natchez.

Policy: Rev. W. L. Day, Tupelo; Rev. D. C. Applegate, Starkville; and Rev. W. L. Meadows, Quitman.

Business-Advisory: Rev. Carey Cox, Brandon; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; and Rev. Webb. Dr. Quarles and M. F. Rayburn of Meridian, Convention president, are ex-officio members of the Committee.

## Home Board Eyes Coast Project

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (BP)—A growing concern about juvenile delinquency by leaders in this Gulf Coast city.

J. V. James, Atlanta, Baptist Home Mission Board's superintendent of juvenile rehabilitation, explained the board's program of work with juvenile delinquency.

James said that the beginning of juvenile rehabilitation work as outlined by the Home Mission Board is anticipated for the near future in Pascagoula.

## Cuba Baptist Youth Hold 'Concentration'

SANTIAGO, Cuba — (BWA) — More than 1,000 Cuban youth, filling the auditorium, vestibules and windows of the First Baptist Church of Santiago, spent three days in fellowship, study and worship at a National Concentration of Young Baptists.

Their numbers jumped to 3,000 in a Saturday night evangelistic meeting in the public square. Fifty to 60 persons responded to a call for new converts at the meeting's end.

The Cuban youth had as their guests for the convention Mr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Rev. Aaron F. Webber of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and Rev. Herbert Caudill of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

"Cuba is a young man's country," said Mr. Denny's "This wonderful turnout of consecrated young people — in their first meeting since the Cuban revolution — speaks well for the future of the island nation."

The convention voted to invite the 8th Baptist World Youth Conference to meet in Havana in 1963.

## Jubilee Revival Plan Is Launched

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP)—The Baptist Jubilee Revival, a new program of associational revival meetings, was launched at a meeting of Southern Baptist state secretaries of evangelism in Atlanta by the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

"This program will greatly help in reaching the Jubilee baptismal goal of 4,100,000," said Leonard Sanderson, director of the division. "The program includes the methods which proved their value in the 1959 year of evangelism. The tried, tested, and proved methods plus some new discoveries are combined to provide this new associational program of evangelism," he added.

The program, an associational emphasis for each year during 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1964, would focus attention on the annual emphases of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Revivals would be initiated through associations with associational officers forming the Baptist Jubilee Revival committee.

A plan of work for promoting a Baptist Jubilee Revival calls for a date to be set one year in advance, preferably through 1964, with the Baptist Jubilee Revival committee holding monthly meetings for preparation and progress reports eight months before the revival.

Fellowship Clinics Associations will conduct ev-

angelism clinics, "promote Televangelism and radio ministries," have an evangelistic rally before the revivals, and conduct fellowship clinics during the revivals.

Additional suggestions for participating churches call for following details of the Revival Plan Book, inauguration of a spiritual growth program on the closing day by the Training Union, and prompt reporting of results of the revival to the association.

Tracts would be provided on procedures for the committee by the evangelism division. Bulletin inserts, mats, promotion and publicity items are planned for special publicity for the Baptist Jubilee Revival.

## ANDERSON NEW HEAD JUDSON

MARION, Ala. — (BP) — Conwell A. Anderson has been elected president of Judson College here, according to an announcement by Horace G. Williams of Tuscaloosa, Ala., chairman of trustees.

Anderson, now dean at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., was elected unanimously to succeed J. I. Riddle who will retire next July 31 after more than 17 years with Judson, Baptist senior college for women.

## Pittsburgh Gets First Southern Baptist Church

ATLANTA, Ga. — The first Southern Baptist work in Pittsburgh, Pa., has been constituted as the Pittsburgh Baptist Church, with 97 charter members.

Started by laymen, under the leadership of Area Missionary Paul Nevells, the mission operated months without a pastor. Services were led by laymen of the church and the visiting preachers during this period. Since 1958, the mission had grown to a membership of almost 100 with a full church program.

Joseph M. Waltz, recently elected as director of Southern Baptist work in Pittsburgh, was called as pastor of Pittsburgh Baptist Church. Plans of Waltz and the new church are to sponsor missions in the surrounding areas.

Ohio Represented Indicative of the spread of pioneer missions, the mission in Pittsburgh, associated with the Ohio convention, was sponsored by the Ohio convention. (Continued on Page 2)



CHARTER MEMBERS of Pittsburgh's first Southern Baptist church register. These are, from left, Jim Sims, Ben Tatterson, Pastor Joseph Waltz, and Mrs. Curtis Moran.

## Texas Provides Top '59 Story

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Texas Baptists' rejection of a hospital in Texarkana, Tex., partly built with federal funds, has been voted the No. 1 story in the Southern Baptist Convention for 1959.

A poll of Baptist Press editors determined that the debated "invasion" of Southern Baptists into areas outside the traditional South and the American Baptist Convention's action to accept churches in the South was a close second as most important story.

The editors voted for their first 10 preferences from a list of nearly 25 important stories of the year. A preferential point rating decided the final position of the 10 top stories.

The Texarkana hospital story got 14 first place votes and 265 total points, while the "invasion" received nine first place votes and 243 total points.

### Third Spot Named

Third most important 1959 Southern Baptist news story concerned the actions of several state Baptist bodies during their annual conventions in the fall, when they discussed the likelihood of a religious issue in the 1960 Presidential election.

Running fourth in importance was the decision of the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a new denominational agency, the Stewardship Commission.

The Presidential religious issue got two first place votes and 161 points, while one first place vote and 144 points were

counted for the Stewardship Commission story.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1959 after a controversy over dismissal of 12 professors, projected into fifth place as most important story. There were three first place votes and 114 points.

No. 6 position went to the continuing story of Southern Baptists' progress toward their goal of establishing 30,000 new churches and missions by 1964. Coupled with this was the Convention's continued participation with six other North Amer-

ican Baptist groups in a Baptist Jubilee Advance.

This rated one first-place vote and 91 points.

The simultaneous development of completely new campuses by two of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries was considered by Baptist Press editors as seventh ranking story of 1959. The seminaries are Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, Calif., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Mo.

This news got two first place votes and 81 points.

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## "Our Land For Christ" Is Aim

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP) — The new co-operative plan of state and home missions received strong emphasis during a two-day meeting of state executive secretaries and the Home Mission Board staff in Atlanta.

"We can no longer say that no other state will help us in our local state mission work," S. G. Posey of Fresno, California's executive secretary, said in the major speech of the meeting. "With the new agreements of state and home board co-operation, every state of the Southern Baptist Convention has a part in every other state by their gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Annie

Armstrong home mission offering."

Posey was referring to the new agreements signed by state boards and the Home Mission Board which place administrative leadership in the hands of each state for all missionaries, state and home board, in their area, but guiding principles of the work and the financial support are shared by the home board. Sixteen states have signed these agreements, and all others are expected to by the close of 1960.

### Afraid Of Future

"I am somewhat afraid for the future of America," Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the home board, told the state secretaries. "The disintegration of the home, the obscene literature, the growth of atheism and communistic philosophy, the increase in alcoholism, crime, gambling, the growing power of Romanism, the prevalence of materialism, the faulty sense of stewardship, and the lack of doctrinal integrity of our people point to a dangerous weakening of American moral fiber."

"We must take America for Christ by winning the people, by making churches available where spiritual natures may be

nourished, and there are 24 million people out of reach of a Baptist church, and such a program will give America a Christian culture and establish a strong home base for foreign missions."

The secretaries expressed a concern for the non-resident membership of Southern Baptist. (Continued on Page 2)

## State Missionaries Reach Vietnam

"Words cannot express the feelings of our hearts and the emotional impact we felt as our plane landed in Saigon, capital of Vietnam, and we actually set foot in the land where we are to serve," wrote the first Southern Baptist missionaries appointed for service in Vietnam in their first letter to friends. They are Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, formerly of McComb, Miss., who were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in April.

"It is sobering to realize that, although a few others are doing Christian work here, we are the first Southern Baptists to come for the specific purpose of preaching Christ and organizing churches," the letter said. "Baptists have been long in coming."

### Many People

"Everywhere you look there

## GRAHAM SEES BIRTH CONTROL AS ANSWER

NEW YORK (RNS)—Dr. Billy Graham called birth control one of the answers to the "terrifying and tragic" problems of overpopulation, but said it should be handled by private foundations or agencies and not as a "political issue."

The evangelist, who stopped in New York enroute to address cadets at West Point, said he saw nothing morally wrong in birth control. He said most Americans practice it "whether they be Protestants or Roman Catholics."

At the same time, he said that when a segment of the population opposes the practice the subject should be handled without government support or intervention.



## Why A Christian Cannot Be A Communist

By H. H. Barnett  
Southern Seminary

Communism is one of the greatest challenges to the Church of this century. With its emphasis upon justice, peace, equality, brotherhood, many intellectuals are attracted to the movement hoping to find a more adequate way to express their social passion and concern. Even Christian thinkers are attracted by these ideals and look upon Communism as a sort of "Christian heresy."

Below is a tabular comparison of Christianity and Communism with a decolgue of reasons why a Christian cannot be a Communist.

- The Communist Faith**
1. Communism is atheistic.
  2. Communism de-humanizes the individual.
  3. Communism denounces private property as original sin.
  4. Communism is totalitarian.
  5. Communism uses revolutionary methods involving force, brutality, and deception.
  6. Communism denies religious freedom.
  7. Communist morality is relative.
  8. Communism is materialistic in its view of reality.
  9. Communism lays emphasis upon a social utopia here on earth.
  10. Communism is inspired by hate.

- The Christian Faith**
1. Christianity is theistic.
  2. Christianity lays emphasis on the dignity and worth of the individual.
  3. Christianity says that private property is a trust from God and should be used for His glory and for the welfare of mankind.
  4. Christianity is more in harmony with democratic principles.
  5. Christianity proceeds along the line of peaceful methods.
  6. Christianity (evangelical) emphasizes religious freedom.
  7. Christian morality is absolute and grounded in God.
  8. Christianity teaches that God is the creator of the universe.
  9. Christianity lays emphasis upon the kingdom of God which is both present and future.
  10. Christianity is inspired by love.

## Town, Country Church Leaders Institute Set

"The Witnessing Community" is the theme for the Twelfth Annual Institute for Town and Country Church Leaders which will be held January 25-27 at Mississippi State University, Starkville.

The Institute is scheduled to begin at ten o'clock Monday morning in the Alumni-Student Building, with Rev. Clarence Palmer of Chalhybeate bringing the invocation and devotion. Registration will begin at 1:00 in the lobby of the Alumni-Student Building, with Rev. Clarence Palmer of Chalhybeate bringing the invocation and devotion.

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Rev. Grady Smith of Raleigh, area missionary of the Cooperative Missions Department of the State Convention Board, will lead the worship period on Tuesday evening at 7:00, after which there will be a panel discussion on "Preparation for Churchmanship."

Rev. R. B. Patterson of Amory, also an area missionary in the Cooperative Missions Department, will be a member of the panel.

### Nelson Leads

The worship service Wednesday morning will be led by Rev. Hoyte Nelson of Picaune.

The closing message will be brought by Dr. Ben Hilburn, president Mississippi State University.

The Institute is sponsored by the Mississippi Christian Community Fellowship in cooperation with Mississippi State University.

fundamental principles of Communism and Christianity can be reconciled. Karl Marx, V. I. Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and Nikita Khrushchev have asserted that religion is "superstition" and that God is a "myth." These are a few of the reasons why no Christian can be a thoroughgoing Communist.

## Rethinking Some - -

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than quality. A man is not necessarily a better minister because he has a bigger church. A church's spiritual life does not automatically become better as it gets bigger. A democracy is always in danger of its own masses. A mob is never clear in its thinking. Many times we deplore the loss of quality which bigness brings and in the next breath boast of our bigness. We should, however, rejoice in the bigness that comes as the outgrowth of having done better. Our future depends more on quality than bigness.

### Should Forgive

We need to rethink some ideas about forgiveness. In many cases it seems fine that God has forgiven but we are not to go and do likewise. Perhaps regarding this attitude there will be few admissions but it does exist. We say a criminal has paid his debt to society when his prison term is over but then go on holding it against him the rest of his life. We preach repentance but don't believe the fellow who says he is sorry. We make mistakes but never forgive and forget them when others make the same error. About all some people need to straighten out their lives and go on to do much good is to know they have a few understanding and forgiving friends and that they are being given another chance. Many people have been kept from fruitful lives because someone remembered them "when." Blessed is he who gives the other fellow a second chance.

We need to rethink the platitude that we are to be tolerant. Shall I be tolerant of the weeds that grow in my garden? Shall I do nothing about selecting friends and protection for my children? Shall we tolerate those groups of persons whose sworn objective is to destroy that which we have built and hold sacred? Certainly we will not tolerate any revolutionary groups to roam at freedom in our land and so grow that they may destroy us. Perhaps we have been too tolerant of corrupt theology, cults, pressure groups and anti-christian forces. Certainly no Baptist would advocate persecution. It is another thing to have some convictions and stand firm against wrong and sin.

### Never Above Criticism

Lastly, we need to rethink the attitude that all criticism is cruel and unfair. We should never be so self-satisfied as to believe we are above criticism. A person is not always antagonistic when they criticize. Criticism may not be condemnation, it may be kindly concern by one hoping to be helpful. Too often we breathe an anathema on our critics, not because they are right, but because we are just not big enough to make the correction. The egotist would rather fight back than to admit he too might be wrong. Few of us are so wise we cannot improve. Business men are very interested in public opinion and will change courses and adjust products in response. Our critics might be our best friends and teachers.

"THINK" is a very popular business slogan. Does this mean just to mull over all existing concepts and possibilities? If so then it is time to RETHINK some concepts. That is, if you agree that to RETHINK is to study again, examine closely and honestly and see where and how spiritual growth might be attained. We still need to heed the old prophet who said (Lam. 3:40a) "Let us search and try our ways. . ."

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THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION of the Mississippi Baptist Convention meets on the Mississippi College campus to discuss its program for the year. Members are: (sitting left to right) Rev. Leonard Holloway, Jackson; Rev. A. Sydney Johnston, Jackson; Malcolm H. McMullan, Newton; Rev. Russell McIntire, Clinton; Rev. Otis Seal, Meridian; Dr. Judson Chastain, Hattiesburg; Rev. Henning Andrews, Lula. Standing (left to right) are W. E. Strange, Clinton; Dr. Joseph Ernest, Jr., Hattiesburg; Rev. Carless Evans, Collins; and Rev. T. L. Everitt, Newton.

## NAMES In The News

A. F. Kelly, Jr. and Charles Huber will be ordained as deacons Jan. 3 of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg. Dr. John Barnes, pastor.

Dr. E. C. Williams, former secretary of the Sunday School Department of the State Convention Board and now field representative of the Baptist Record, will teach the Young People and Adults "Studies In Timothy" at Calvary Church, Meridian, January 3-7. Rev. W. Otis Seal is pastor.

Robert Bonds, Hugh McCall and Lester Ray will be ordained as deacons January 3 at First Church, Natchez. Dr. D. Lewis White, pastor.

C. A. Dabney, pastor of Truett Memorial Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., has been elected superintendent of stewardship and missions and assistant to the executive secretary of Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Rev. Herman McAlpin has been called as pastor of Home-wood Church in Scott Association. He is also pastor of Hope-wood Church in the same Association.

H. T. Stockard, Joe Clappitt, Richard Dunaway and J. W. Traywick were ordained as deacons of the Days Church, Desoto Association, which was constituted on December 6.

Dr. E. C. Bozeman, F. W. Ergle, Ira Fuqua, Henry Harris, Rudolph Hough, E. H. Jackson, Thomas A. Moore, and Kirk Smith, deacons of First Church, Columbus, were elected to serve a three year term beginning January 1.

Julius Collum, of Jackson, former State BSU president, is the subject of a feature article in the current issue of the Baptist Student magazine, written by Miss Bonita Appleton of the Jackson Daily News staff.

Dr. Lewis Rhodes, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, has been elected president of the Mississippi alumni of New Orleans Seminary. He was graduated in 1953. Other officers are Rev. Damon V. Vaughn, pastor of Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, vice-president; and Mrs. J. C. Renfro, Jackson, secretary.

Dr. Landrum F. Leavell celebrated his third anniversary as pastor of First Church, Gulfport, in December.

## State Missionaries

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12,000,000 people in South Vietnam. Among them are only about 24,000 evangelicals. Saigon, with a population of nearly 2,000,000, has six evangelical churches using the Vietnamese language and three using Chinese.

"Pray for us as we begin the study of the Vietnamese language and as we endeavor to be good representatives of Christ and Southern Baptists."

Joseph R. Coleman, Tulsa, Okla., architect, has been selected to deliver the keynote address at the Brotherhood leadership conference June 23-29 at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly. (BP).

Miss Joe Ann Shelton, director of the Baptist Hour Choir, has signed a three-year recording contract with Word Records, Inc., of Waco. Miss Shelton is also assistant professor of voice at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Bryce Finch, supervisor of the Baptist Sunday School Board's photography section in the Art Department, assumes duties January 1, as staff photographer with Eastman Kodak Company. (BSSB).

Charles F. Wadsworth was ordained as a deacon of North Greenwood Church on December 13. Dr. Charles A. Ray is pastor.

O. E. Williams was ordained as a deacon of the Daleville Church in Lauderdale County. Rev. W. A. McPheeters is pastor.

Rev. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan, was the speaker for the Wednesday night service, December 16, at Second Avenue Church, Laurel. Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor.

Mrs. Henry Love, formerly of Jackson and now of Tulsa, Okla., wrote two programs entitled "Report: Home Church, U. S. A." and "Pilgrim's Progress of the Baptist Student" for possible use in connection with the annual Student Night at Christmas program on December 27.

## "Our Land - - -

tists during their discussion of goals for the next five years. They urged an emphasis and asked for the development of techniques which would lessen this trend.

### Joint Meeting

A joint meeting with state secretaries of evangelism, also meeting in Atlanta, gave state leaders a chance to hear C. E. Autry of Fort Worth, newly elected director of the division of evangelism of the Home Mission Board.

Emphasizing the goal to win 550,000 converts next year, Autry said, "These goals spell out hard work. If we are to leap from 430,000 baptisms in a year to 550,000, it will be done by hard work. To fail to be realistic is to fail. To reach our goals will require wholehearted co-operation by all, and we must have great faith in God. God's people are limited only by the type or lack of faith."

A constant round of group activities keeps our children on the go almost around the clock. With our own exhausted generation succumbing to heart attacks and nervous breakdowns before fifty, what is in store for the next one? — Mae Little, December HOME LIFE.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, Southern Baptist missionaries to Taiwan (Formosa), are returning to the States for furlough. They may be addressed, c/o S. D. Bibb, Rte. 1, Drew, Miss. Mrs. Raley, the former Frances Bibb, is a native of Moorhead, Miss.

Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of the Southside Church, Hattiesburg, sponsored a project which was carried out before Thanksgiving to send gifts to every man and woman from Forrest County who are prisoners at Parchman. He has received a letter of appreciation from the chaplain at Parchman, Rev. R. B. Hicks.

William J. Reynolds, music editor of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been named to coordinate music at the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next June 26-July 3. Reynolds directed music at the First Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Canada, in 1958.

## Texas Provides - - -

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Boards Abolished

Two state conventions of Baptists abolished a separate board of directors for their weekly newspapers and placed supervision of the papers under the executive board of the convention. The editors, concerned about freedom of the press, believed this to be the eighth ranking story, with 80 points.

The story of Southern Baptists' adopting a goal of 3,650,000 baptism of converts during the next five years was ninth with 79 points.

The state paper board story was marked by one more editor than the story on baptisms.

Position No. 10, by a scant one point margin, belonged to the relationships between Canada Baptists and Southern Baptists. There were two developments in this field during the year, the failure of an amendment to the SBC constitution to be voted on at the 1959 Convention because of faulty wording, and a Baptist millionaire's decision to back financially new churches in western Canada.

The amendment would have allowed Baptist churches in Canada which contribute to the support of the SBC to seat messengers at the annual Convention. They are unable to send messengers under the present constitution.

This story rated no first place votes but 74 points.

Passes Nine Million  
Hard on heels of No. 10 story was the denomination's passing the nine million mark in total membership of its 31,000 affiliated churches. It polled 73 points but no first place votes.

Right behind in position No. 12 was the failure of the Teamsters Union to win bargaining representation of a group of 94 workers employed at the Baptist Sunday School Board, largest of all SBC agencies. It picked up one first place vote as the major story of 1959 and

## Churches Confront Architect Problems

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Southern Baptist churches in new areas sometimes face problems in getting their buildings designed to follow Southern Baptist educational methods and church polity.

This was brought out at a meeting in Nashville of church building consultants from the various state Baptist conventions and associations co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting was sponsored by the church architecture department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

While the architectural problem is not entirely limited to pioneer areas, it is more often prevalent there.

W. A. Harrell of Nashville, secretary of church architecture department, said there are two main problems: (1) pulpit arrangement, and (2) arrangement of educational facilities.

Architects who work in regions in which there are only few and small Southern Baptist churches fail to realize that the denomination has a strong educational program and has over 9 million members of affiliated churches, he said.

Need to Be Stern  
They have at hand Protestant

church architecture suggestions which stress a divided chancel with altar, rather than a central pulpit, and large classrooms, rather than an assembly room with small classrooms clustered around it for educational purposes.

When Southern Baptist churches undertake often their first building program of any kind consult these architects, they sometimes have to be stern in dealing with the architects, Harrell continued.

The architect does not intend to go against church architecture generally wanted by Southern Baptist churches, but rather is unaware that there is any accepted architectural design than that followed by those denominations with a liturgical or "high church" approach.

Occasionally, even in states where Southern Baptists are strong, some architects desire to build auditoriums and educational buildings which would create a problem for the churches in following Southern Baptist educational methods. For instance, designing a baptistry is something new to many architects, since Southern Baptists immerse rather than sprinkle converts.

## A Prayer, An Answer, A Miracle!

By Bill Mitchell

"Miracles are not confined to that era 20 centuries ago when the wise men followed a star across the shifting sands of the Holy Land." This statement was made by Mr. Murphy Weir, editor of the Poplarville Weekly Democrat, in an editorial. He was writing about the miraculous recovery of Ray Leggett.

On June 4, 1954, Ray was returning home to Poplarville with his mother when they were involved in an automobile accident. Ray's mother was hospitalized with a broken leg, a broken arm, and a crushed shoulder. Ray, an honor student in high school, a leader in his church, and a high scoring backfield star on the Poplarville Hornet football team, was taken to the hospital unconscious. The extent of his injuries was not known.

Local doctors examined Ray and then called in a brain specialist from New Orleans. X-rays were made of his entire body. Numerous tests were made. Every possible examination was made to determine Ray's condition. All the tests showed the same thing. The doctors and specialists gave this diagnosis: "severe cerebral concussion and complete separation of the brain from the spinal cord."

Ray Leggett could not recover. He would remain in an unconscious state for two months, three months, or possibly six months, but death was inevitable. Such an injury to the brain as far as medical science was

72 points in all.

The Texarkana hospital was not directly rejected by the Texas convention. In the face of mounting opposition, Texarkana citizens withdrew their offer before a vote could be taken. The strength of the opposition, however, was such that a resolution cleared the convention putting it on record against this possible jeopardy of church-state separation.

A group of American Baptist Convention ministers debated the subject, "Southern Baptist Invasion: Right or Wrong?", at their annual meeting in Des Moines, Ia. Several months later the Convention's general council voted to grant affiliation to Baptist churches in the South seeking it.

Not all the eight state conventions mentioned the Roman Catholic Church, but their actions generally indicated their fear that a Catholic President of the United States might be torn between loyalty to the Vatican and loyalty to the United States. Their opposition was directed at Catholic insistence that the Catholic Church take precedence over civil government, rather than at individual candidates for office.

concerned, rendered it impossible for Ray to recover.

But Ray Leggett did recover. It was a heart-breaking process but Ray did recover.

For five long months Ray remained unconscious. He stayed in the hospital at Poplarville for nine weeks before being transferred to the Hattiesburg Convalescent Home, where he was visited by Miss Hannah and members of the Carey BSU. On the second Sunday in November, 1954, Ray formed the first word with his lips that he had spoken in over five months.

Ray returned home the last day of November in 1954. Before the accident, he had been a strong, sturdy young man, weighing approximately 145 pounds. When he left the Convalescent Home, the doctors estimated his weight to be about 55 pounds.

Ray continued to improve and went on to finish his high school work. He felt that God had given him back his life after being so near death for a special purpose. This year Ray entered William Carey College to prepare for the ministry.

There is still much improvement to be made but it is being made rapidly. As Ray's mother said, "From a medical standpoint it is impossible to say that Ray will be completely well but this is definitely a modern miracle. Since it is God's work we know Ray will be completely well in time. God does not get in a hurry but He has never done anything half-way and He will not start with Ray. All we need is the patience and faith to wait with God."

When we review the wonderful work of God in the life of Ray Leggett, we will have to agree with Mr. Weir that "miracles are not confined to that era 20 centuries ago when the wise men followed a star across the shifting sands of the Holy Land."

## Pittsburgh Gets - - -

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sored by a church in Weirton. W. Va. J. Pat Brock, pastor of the sponsoring church, attended the constitution services.

Representing Ohio, the state convention with which the church will be affiliated, were Superintendent of Missions Darity Stowe, Evangelism Secretary Leonard Stigler, and Editor Gene Puckett of the Ohio Baptist Messenger. A. B. Cash, secretary of pioneer missions, and J. C. Durham, Jr., secretary of promotion, represented the Home Mission Board.

Mission work in the industrial Northeast and in the West is supported by the Home Mission Board through church loans, missionaries, pastoral salary supplement, and guidance.

Waltz, former president of the Ohio state convention, who assumed his duties in Pittsburgh, October 1, said the new church hopes to purchase the building which it is now renting with an option to buy.



# Our Rural-Urban Church Challenge

By Dr. Carl A. Clark  
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Many people seem to think that statistics are dry and uninteresting, but when these figures reveal the proportion of people who have been saved and those who are lost they take on spiritual importance. When these same figures take on a reflection of the rate of progress in growth of church membership over population they become much more interesting.

## Shifting Population

In a study released by the Department of Survey and Research of the Sunday School Board entitled, "Population Shifts and their Effect Upon Southern Baptist Convention, 1950-55" some very startling facts are revealed particularly regarding rural population and rural church membership growth and decline.

A large number of the original Southern Baptist Convention states lost rural population from 1950-55. Apparently the states along the Atlantic seaboard gained in rural population but most of the other states of the old south lost, such as Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

A quite shocking fact though comes from these statistics which indicate that the states which lost in rural population gained in rural church membership. We have known that rural churches were growing. This, however, indicates that rural churches are growing in spite of a declining population.

Let's look at a few illustrations of this. Alabama rural population lost 2.9 per cent but the Southern Baptist rural church membership gained 5.7 per cent. Arkansas rural population lost 5.9 per cent but its rural church membership gained 8.7 per cent.

## Georgia Lost

Georgia lost only slightly a 3 per cent in rural population but its rural church membership gained 4.8 per cent. Illinois rural population lost 1.9 per cent but its rural church membership gained 3.4 per cent.

Mississippi lost 3.8 per cent but its rural church membership gained 4.7 per cent. Missouri lost only slightly 5 per cent but its membership gained 3.1 per cent. Oklahoma showed the most striking contrast. Whereas its rural population lost 6.2 per cent, its rural church membership gained 16 per cent.

Tennessee lost 1.9 per cent in rural population but gained 2.0 per cent in rural church membership. Whereas Texas lost 2.7 per cent in rural population but gained 4.4 per cent in rural church membership.

## Total Gained 1.4 Percent

Taking the Southern Baptist Convention territory as a whole, the total rural population gained 1.4 per cent but Southern Baptist rural church membership gained 6%. This seems to indicate rural churches are becoming vigorous in evangelism and are doing an effective service in winning the people of its community to Christ. Even though the total population may be decreasing, perhaps other statistics of rural church growth will show this even more significantly. For the same five years the Sunday school enrollment gained 15.1 per cent. The Training Union enrollment gained 32.1 per cent. The WMU enrollment gained 19.1 and Brotherhood 65.3 per cent. The value of church property gained 62.0 per cent; total gifts increased 42 per cent and mission gifts gained 49.4 per cent. It is revealing also that we even gained in total number of rural churches by 2 per cent in spite of the fact that there are fewer rural people.

It still remains true, however, that there are approximately 35 million people living in open country, villages, and small towns classified as rural in the areas of the Southern Baptist Convention. These people are the task and challenge of rural churches. Out of these approximately 35 million rural people, we have slightly more than 4 million Southern Baptist church membership. Quite naturally, many of these other 30 million people belong to churches of

other denominations. It still remains, however, that a large number, untold millions, still are without Christ. It is the task of these churches in town and country to win these untold millions to faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

In the early part of this century, a very famous statistical study indicated that in a community with declining population, the total church membership declined more rapidly than the population. On the other hand, in the community with a growing population, the church membership increased less rapidly. The above statistics on Southern Baptists seem to indicate that the earlier study does not hold true, at least for us at the present time.

Another revealing statistic at this point shows that in the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole we have one rural Southern Baptist church for every 1,454 rural people. On the other hand, we have one urban church for every 9,056 population. The states of the old south have an even better proportion here. For example, Alabama has one rural Southern Baptist church for every 717 rural people.

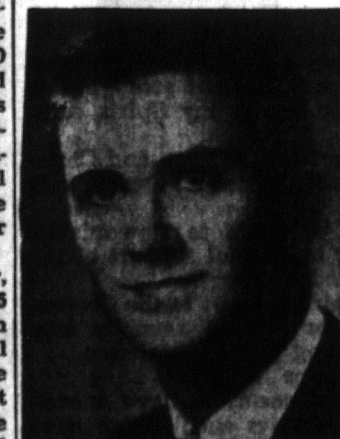
This contrasts quite noticeably with the fact that the state that has the best record for its urban population is Arkansas with one urban church for every 3,280 population. These statistics indicate that rural churches have done a very splendid task in reaching rural people, but there remains much to be done. They indicate also that Southern Baptists are becoming an urban people, but have a much greater task to accomplish at this point.

The above facts plus observation and experience indicate that Southern Baptist churches are having increasing problems caused by the mobility of the population. The more people move the more problem the church has in maintaining its membership and maintaining a healthy program of growth.

For example, one large city reports that it must have at least 12 per cent as many as it has members joining the church each year or else it loses ground. If it is to grow it must have more than a 12 per cent addition. Another church in another city reports loss by death and transfer of membership equal to 27.1 per cent of its resident church membership. If this one year's report is typical then this church must have 25 per cent or more new additions each year.

The shifting population is more acute for urban churches than for the rural churches. However, many rural churches in oil field towns, lumber mill towns, and in the towns which have more industrialization, are experiencing a rapid turn over of membership. The more stable agricultural communities are experiencing less of this, though they may be losing population. Perhaps most rural churches lose a great many members by migration but receive very few new members from people who move into the community. Most of the church additions must come from the baptism of the young people growing up in the community.

Rural churches along with urban have a huge backlog of responsibility for winning people to Christ. It remains for us to see each of these churches meeting the challenge of its own community.



CLYDE LUTHER CAROWAY is the new Minister of Music at Elaine Church, Jackson, Rev. H. C. Davis, pastor. A senior at Mississippi College, Mr. Caroway began his duties at Elaine on December 6.



DR. CHESTER QUARLES is shown presenting to Ulysses Tate a certificate in appreciation of his 15 years of service to Mississippi Baptists, on the occasion of his retirement.



ULYSSES TATE, left, is presenting to Dr. Joe Odle, right, an antique Hammond typewriter, as a gift to the Baptist Record.

## Baptist Building Janitor Retires

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Every nook and cranny of the Baptist Building in Jackson, on the corner of Mississippi and Congress Streets, must be familiar territory to Ulysses Tate. From dawn until dusk he has labored as janitor in that building for the past 34 years.

In May, 1926 he began working for E. O. Spencer of the Mississippi Fire Insurance Co., which was then located in the present Baptist Building. In June, 1945, Mississippi Baptists bought the building and Ulysses' services were transferred with the building ownership!

In view of his retirement on January 1, 1960, and in appreciation for his 15 years of faithful service, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in their fall meeting presented to Ulysses a check for \$185. At chapel in the Baptist Building on December 18, Dr. Chester Quarles presented to him a gold "15-year" lapel button.

## Old Typewriter

Among his treasures in the basement of the Building, Ulysses had hoarded a discarded typewriter given to him many years ago. One typewriter expert had advised him not to sell the very early model Hammond, a true museum piece, for less than \$100.

Ulysses has presented the machine as a gift to the Baptist Record, for which he has made thousands of trips to the printers and to the postoffice. Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Record, plans to have a metal plate affixed to the typewriter (which will be displayed in his office), stating that it is a gift from Ulysses Tate.

Ulysses Harrison Tate was born at Carthage, Mississippi on October 16, 1894 (or that's what he thought until he received a recent report from Washington, D. C. stating that he was born October 16, 1889!). He says he doesn't feel as old as 65, much less 70!

At the age of six, he and his family moved to Goodman; he attended school there and at Pickens.

Migrating to Jackson in 1922, he worked for Central Lumber Co., and then for N. W. Overstreet before beginning his years of service in the present Baptist Building.

After the death of his first wife, he married Juanita Belote on July 15, 1938. He has two daughters, one in Jackson and one in Detroit, Michigan. His only son was accidentally killed by a train.

## After Retirement

After retirement, he will work part-time for the W. M. U. Department, work part-time for his wife, Juanita, and — if there's any time left — he wants to do a little hunting and fishing! His cohort and co-janitor, Robert

Burris, will continue to work full-time.

His hair turning so white just might have been caused by his being called on to do so many things at one time:

"Ulysses, can you change a dime?"

"Come empty my wastebasket!"

"Take this stuff to the printer."

"Take this stuff to Camp Garaywa."

"Get this spot of ink off the floor."

"I'm tired of potato chips. Can't you sell us something else to go with our coffee?"

If they wouldn't just all want him at the same time!

Yet he always (or at least 95 per cent of the time) displays a smile as big as that of Santa Claus. He is always ready to laugh at a joke or to sympathize when someone has a tale of woe. The other five per cent of the time he likes to grumble.

If he's in a good mood he sings at his work. A member of his church choir, he has an excellent voice. He is a steward in the Lynch Street C. M. E. Church.

Baptist Building employees place Ulysses Tate high on their list of favorite friends.

## A Methodist

And without a doubt, Ulysses Tate has done more for Mississippi Baptists than any other Methodist in the state!

## Chilean Seminary Graduates Nine

The Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago, Chile, graduated five men and four women on November 26. The men received certificates in theology and the women, certificates in Bible study before a packed house at Santiago's First Baptist Church.

All five men will go immediately into pastorates, and two plan also to continue their education at other institutions. One of them wants to specialize in radio technology, for service with the Hora Bautista (Baptist Hour).

Missionary H. Cecil McConnell has been acting president of the seminary since the death of Rev. Honario Espinoza, former president, in September.

Mail-order business in obscene and pornographic materials is more than five hundred million dollars a year. The especially vicious aspect of this racket is that these purveyors of filth are aiming more and more at the nation's children. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, December HOME LIFE.



THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION of Clarke College recently elected new officers. This organization is composed of 90 men who are preparing for the ministry, thirty of whom are already serving as pastors. Seated (left to right) Walter Ballard, Newellton, La., President; Harlis Martin, Birmingham, Vice Pres.; David Lowery, Montgomery, Secretary; Perry Culver, Sylacauga, Treas.; Raymond Wilson, Union, Program Chairman. Standing, Clifton Johnson, Centerville, Missions Chairman; Roy Williams, Ellisville, Chairman Benevolence Committee; Calvin Gibson, Conehatta, Chorister; Ernest Goodman, Meridian, Pianist; Dr. John F. Carter, Advisor; Professor T. L. Everett, Sponsor.

## Revival Dates

Schlater: Jan. 3-Jan. 10; Rev. L. D. Wall, pastor and evangelist; J. W. Hickson, Jr., Minister of Music, Calvary, Greenwood, song leader.

Juniper Grove (Pearl River): December 27-January 1; Rev. D. Wade Smith, evangelist for Sunday service; other preachers preaching each night; Rev. Edward McKeithen, pastor.

## Boy Seeks Correspondence

A Christian boy in Nigeria, age 20, who attends the Baptist mission in Lagos, has written to the Baptist Record saying that he would appreciate receiving letters from Christians in the United States.

He is Bashiru Alade, 21 Atiko Street, Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa.

## Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, Has Active Library

According to an article in the December issue of Church Library Bulletin, Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, reported a circulation of over 100 per cent of its library books for the third quarter of 1959.

There are 1,119 books in the library and the circulation was 1,423. Mrs. R. H. Helm is librarian and Rev. Fred Tarpley is pastor.

## Mrs. R. F. Roberts Dies Result Of Auto Accident

Funeral services were held on Friday of last week for Mrs. R. F. Roberts of Jeff Davis County, who died on Thursday of injuries received in an automobile accident on Monday.

Her husband, R. F. Roberts, at University Hospital, Jackson, was reported in serious condition, but improving.

Mrs. Roberts was a lifelong resident of the Gwinville community near Prentiss.

Survivors include her husband; six sons, Buren Roberts of Prentiss, Bryan Roberts of Goss, Rev. Kenneth Roberts of Jayess, Rev. Paul Roberts of Oxford, James E. Roberts of Jonesboro, Ark., and Dewitt Roberts of Prentiss; four daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Grubbs, Mrs. Gladys Hurst, Miss Ann Roberts and Miss Janice Roberts, all of Prentiss; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Evans of Gwinville.

W. R. Roberts, of Jackson, field representative of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a brother of Mr. Roberts.

## Mississippi Missionaries Write Of Beginning Of Work In Korea

Taejon, Korea

October, 1959

Dear Family and Friends:

We are happy to report that we have arrived and how thankful we are for His watchful care over us. The ocean voyage was a delightful experience without the beforehand-expected "sea sickness." The major excitement of the trip was the night the swimming pool drain burst and flooded our stateroom. It is rather disquieting to awaken in the middle of the night to the sound of rushing water and put your feet down into three inches of it. Not too much damage was done, though, and it gave us something to talk about.

If you need a vacation, we can heartily recommend Honolulu. The beauty there is almost indescribable, but the Maker of these lovely things is not honored or served. We had the privilege of meeting with the Academy Baptist Church on Wednesday evening for prayer service and we also had wonderful fellowship with our missionaries there. We were in port only twelve hours, but they are twelve hours we are not likely to forget soon.

The week we spent in Japan was a pleasure to us and a spiritual refreshment to us. Not only did we have wonderful fellowship with the missionaries there, but renewed fellowship with former members of our church in Biloxi (the R. L. Hendricks and John Hurst). Time and time again we were appalled by the numbers of people, most of whom have never heard the name of Jesus and have no hope of eternal life. More missionaries are needed there and they need your prayers so much.

The flight from Tokyo to Seoul takes about three and one-half hours. We had flown about an hour over the Sea to Japan, too high to see anything except clouds. Suddenly through the clouds, the tops of the beautiful, rugged mountains of the country which was to be our home appeared and it was difficult to restrain the tears of joy. It had taken us exactly one year and one day to reach our destination, but at last we were HOME!

Several fellow-missionaries were at the airport to meet us: the Parkes Marlers of Mississippi, Dr. and Mrs. John Abernathy, Miss Lucy Wagner and Miss Betty Jane Hunt. The drive into Seoul (about twenty miles) was a series of new experiences for us: the rice fields almost ready for harvest; the many people along the road; bunches of dirty little children trying to entertain themselves with bits of trash; women washing clothes in streams; a modern bridge over the Han River; "beeping" jeeps making people jump out of the way; women with heavy loads of pears on their heads and men with tremendous loads on their backs; looks of despair; and, yes, several church steeples. Everyone was curious about us "foreigners" and especially noticed Melinda's blonde hair, which many

of them had to feel.

Taejon is situated in a valley surrounded by beautiful mountains and a lovely view is seen from the compound hill where the missionary homes are. (We are to live this year, though, in a Japanese-style house in the city.) Just below the compound hill is located the little green quonset hut which is the children's school. This is a cooperative effort on the part of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian missions. Tex and Melinda are thrilled with school. Our language classes will be held in a garage here on the compound, so it will be very convenient for all of us to be nearby in school. (We will live about three miles from the compound.)

Our first day in Taejon was also our first experience in an oriental "super market." Because of their big "moon festival" the seventeenth, the market places were exceptionally crowded. It is still strange to us to be stared at by these people. It seems blonde hair is really a rare thing for them to see. It doesn't seem practical, but all the shops of one product are grouped together. They say this is for the shopper's convenience in comparing prices and bartering with the shopkeepers. Almost anything is available (maybe not the quality you would desire) if you shop long enough. My most vivid impression came from the dried fish street! For some reason, after tour, none of us had a raging appetite for dinner. There are not enough words to describe some of the aromas which are here.

We are very thankful to each of you who have been so generous to us. Not only in a material way, but your faithfulness in prayer. Things could not have been so easy so far if you had not been praying. We hope that you will continue to remember us and the other laborers here. This country stands in great need. We desperately need more missionaries, especially a couple to do student work among the college students, and more evangelistic missionaries. Won't you pray earnestly about these matters? The people are eagerly waiting to hear if only they had someone to tell them.

May I stress this one thing: We are not privileged to receive any packages, magazines, newspapers, etc. through our APO number. This is for air mail letters only and if packages are sent, they will probably be returned to you, or we may lose the privilege. Please note the addresses below. Use the APO frequently for letters, though they mean so much to us.

In Christian love,  
Guy, Lois, Rex and Melinda Henderson  
—AIR MAIL LETTERS ONLY—  
—Guy Henderson, Baptist Mission, APO No. 31, San Francisco, California.

PACKAGES, MAGAZINES, ETC. — Guy Henderson, Baptist Mission, O Jung Ni, San Francisco, Korea.



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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

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## Two Decades

This is the close of the year, but it is much more. The fifties are giving way to the sixties. We have come to the end of one decade and are entering another.

As the second half of the twentieth century began, these years were called by some the "fabulous fifties," while others said they would be the "fateful fifties." There were even those who predicted that civilization might not survive them.

Now that these years have passed, men are summarizing them in many ways. They have indeed been the "fabulous fifties" and also the "fateful years." They are called the "turbulent decade," the "age of anxiety," the "time of light and shadows," and the "age of maturity." Numerous terms such as "suburbia," "population explosion," "rigging," etc., have become commonplace.

This has been an era of economic advance and scientific achievement, a time of shifting and exploding population and of social conflict, of hot war and cold war, of struggle for peace and preparation for conflict, of moral crisis and religious growth.

During this decade, the world entered the space age and new vistas of conquest were opened. Predicted discoveries and accomplishments of the next ten years are almost unbelievable, even to our sophisticated generation. Without question, we are entering the "soaring sixties."

### Baptists

Our concern in this survey, however, is what these years have meant to Baptists. What has God wrought with Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists in the decade just ended? If the term "fabulous fifties," was applicable to conditions in general, it was even more true of the people called Baptists. No period in their history has been more fruitful or seen larger gain.

This has been a decade of unprecedented growth. The number of churches grew from 27,285 in 1949 to 31,498 last year. (The 1959 figures will reveal even larger gain, but are not yet available). Membership has gained 36.2 per cent from 6,761,265 to 9,206,758. Every department of the church life has had similar growth.

Even more amazing are the gains in stewardship and giving. Total offerings increased 135.3 per cent, from \$178,000,000 to \$419,000,000, and mission gifts increased from \$31,000,000 to \$74,000,000.

These have been years of expansion. Begun in previous decades, the march of Southern Baptists in the pioneer areas continued with accelerated pace during the fifties. With cooperating churches in slightly more than half the states in 1949, there are now Southern Baptist churches in every state, save one or two. Then there were 23 state conventions, while today there are 29, counting Alaska and Hawaii. Similar expansion has been seen in our foreign mission work, with the number of fields increased from 24 to 41.

Every phase of our work has made marked advance. In our churches, our state institutions, and in Southern Baptist causes, the gains have been remarkable. The 700 foreign missionaries of 1949 have almost doubled, while the 779 home missionaries have increased to more than 1400.

The Sunday School Board has enlarged its ministry. The voice of the Radio and Television Commission is now heard round the earth. The Relief and Annuity Board grows stronger and administers to an ever-widening circle of our people. Three new seminaries have been established.

Perhaps in no area has there been greater advance than in the field of evangelism. The Evangelism Departments of the states have been established and strengthened and the churches have been made more soul-conscious. The first Conventionwide Simultaneous Revival was held in 1950-51, to be followed by others in 1955 and 1959. During these ten years almost 3,500,000 souls have been won to Christ by our churches.

The unity of Southern Baptists has continued to amaze the world during this decade. They have not veered to the right or left, nor have they allowed divisive forces to upset them. They have remained true to the Word of God and continued in their emphasis on evangelism and missions.

Strong ecumenical movements have stood around them, but Southern Baptists have not joined these and are probably further from such alliance now than they were ten years ago. Their conviction seems to be that it is God's purpose that they continue their course independently, working with other Christian groups in a general way, but without alliance. Sectional and institutional problems have arisen, but have not seriously affected the work. Perhaps Southern Baptist strength has been found in their loyalty to the Word of God and in their belief in the autonomy of the local church.

This has been a period of surveys and appraisal. Our conventions and institutions have sought to find weaknesses and places needing improvement and have made adjustments to better the work.

Southern Baptists have grown stronger in these years. Their growth has not been superficial. They have built their program on the solid foundation of Christ and have sought the continuous leadership of the Holy Spirit.

There have been weaknesses and mistakes, but the people called Southern Baptists have sought to profit by them.

All that we have said concerning Southern Baptists has also been true with Mississippi Baptists. Under the leadership of a new secretary who came at the beginning of this decade, there has been continued advance and never in their history have Mississippi Baptists looked back on greater accomplishments or forward to larger opportunity than today.

### The Soaring Sixties

If the fifties have been fabulous, the sixties should be soaring indeed. Baptists have never had greater plans or larger challenges than at this hour when they stand at the threshold of the sixties. Perhaps one is foolish to try to predict what Baptists will accomplish in the coming ten years. Yet present plans and actions give promise of things to come. The remaining years of Jubilee Advance give emphasis to advance which should make these years the soaring sixties indeed.

In membership, Southern Baptists should reach 13,000,000 in the sixties. The number of churches will approach 40,000 and our total giving per year may well reach the one billion mark, with at least \$200,000,000 going to missions.

The number of missionaries should reach 2250, serving in at least 50 foreign lands, and home mission workers should equal that number working in every section of America. By 1970, the great cities will be the heart of our home mission program and every city in America will be a center of Southern Baptist work. The churches will



Sound Footing For A Lifelong Walk



Gleanings from the Greek New Testament  
by V. Wayne Barton

## SAINTS ALIVE

"Men below and saints above." So goes a popular misconception about saints, as if they can be differentiated entirely from men. The words in this case are taken from Sir Walter Scott in "The Lay of the Last Minstrel."

There are, in fact, two common misconceptions about saints. One is that saints are dead. The other is that saints are perfect. I support, then, that I am not a saint. I do not qualify according to the latter conception, for I am not perfect. I do not care to be a saint according to the former conception. For, whereas I am prepared to die, I am not ready to, not, at least, at present.

Both these misconceptions are perpetuated in part by beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. A Roman Catholic becomes a saint through the process of "canonization." However, ordinarily years must elapse after one's death before he is qualified for sainthood. Likewise must he have an exemplary reputation relatively free from imperfection. Perhaps the passing of time itself augments the resulting image of imperfection. Hence, Ambrose Bierce in *The Devil's Dictionary* defines a saint as "a dead sinner, revised and edited."

### Misconception of Saints

So, popularly saints are thought of as spirits of the dead. The colloquial "haint" results perhaps at one and the same time from a corrupt pro-

nunciation of "saint" and a confusion of the Scottish hant (haunt). Be that as it may, a gross misconception of saints is reflected in legends of "haints" and stories of ghosts.

Suffice it to say that the New Testament term *hagios*, "saint," means "dedicated one," or "separated one." The word in the New Testament regularly refers to Christians who are alive and who with their faults and imperfections constitute the Church of God on earth. (Admittedly, in a few exceptional cases *hagios* is used to designate Christians who have died). Therefore, the term is broad enough to include every Christian. So, all who are Christians are saints. Not just saints above. But saints alive!

## Revenue Service Clarifies Ruling

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (EP)

—An ordained clergyman, employed as a minister of music or religious education, is eligible to exclude from federal income tax a housing allowance paid to him in lieu of a parsonage, according to a new regulation of the Internal Revenue Service.

The regulation stresses, however, that those employed in such church positions must be ordained as ministers of the gospel, authorized to perform all sacerdotal duties customary to their denomination.

be baptizing 600,000 to 700,000 each year and may reach the goal of 1,000,000 during one or more of these years. In one of the larger cities of the older states at least one new seminary will be established and perhaps two others will be in the planning stage by 1970.

Southern Baptists will not join the ecumenical movement, but will continue their present course of cooperating with other groups in Kingdom work, but maintaining complete independence. The autonomy of the local church will continue to be our rule and the right of cooperation will be even more strongly recognized by the churches everywhere.

This will be a period of strengthening our church programs, of continually expanding our denominational work and of an even larger emphasis on evangelism and Christian living.

Southern Baptists will walk in closer fellowship with other Baptist groups in America, but will not enter into alliance or consolidation with any of them.

### Some Suggestions For Consideration

As we enter the new decade in Southern Baptist history, there are perhaps some emphases which we should consider.

We should re-study the great doctrines of our faith and preach them with renewed vigor.

We should continue to recognize the absolute necessity of the leadership of the Spirit and that our strength can be "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

We must seek to bring deeper consecration and Christian living, making our Christianity more and more a part of our daily lives.

Continued emphasis must be given to stewardship, seeking to guide every member in faithful support of the large program through tithes and offerings.

We must give rapidly enlarging support to the Cooperative Program in order that our mission agencies may meet the demands of an exploding world population.

### An Open Door

As we enter the sixties, God seems to have opened doors to Baptists, giving opportunities such as we have never had before. To us, as to the church at Philadelphia, He seems to be saying, "Behold, I have set before you an open door."

By faith we must enter these doors now, advancing as God enables us and leads us.

If we do this, these years will be the finest and best that Southern Baptists have ever known.

## BAPTIST FORUM

### New Year's Greeting From The BWA

New Year's, 1960

Greetings in the name of Christ to all our Baptist world fellowship and to all who love and serve the Lord Christ in spirit and in truth.

The New Year will be one of special significance to Baptists around the world because next June 26 to July 3 many of us will gather for our Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our text for this significant gathering will be "Jesus Christ is Lord." Since this is our first Congress in South America, we covet your prayers that we may bear a worthy witness for Christ on that great continent.

In many lands, this new year will see a special emphasis on Evangelism, Bible Study and Membership Training. We pray God's blessing on these endeavors. In some lands independence will bring to our people new opportunities for leadership and service. In other areas some believers may face persecution and hardship as they witness for Christ. In every land we are face to face with the forces of evil and unrighteousness. May we be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might and ever eager to promote justice and brotherhood, righteousness and peace. May the grace, mercy and peace of God our Father, Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter, guard and keep our minds and hearts and bless our every effort for Christ our Lord.

THEODORE F. ADAMS,  
President Baptist  
World Alliance

## Spiritual Power Is Greatest

There is no power greater than Spiritual Power. We can do nothing of eternal values without the help of the Holy Spirit.

I wonder if people are beginning to believe they can be educated and trained to become a Christian? Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews but he had to be born again before he could become a member of the family of God.

There is a need to point out the fact that only the Holy Spirit can make us a Christian. M. C. DURR, Brookhaven

## Sam Matalka Principal Of Boys' School

A year ago I left the U. S. A. graduating from Mississippi College and studying in S. W. Seminary, and now I am in Jordan, my homeland, working with the Southern Baptists as a principal of the Ajlune Secondary Baptist School and pastor of the Taibeth Baptist Church.

I thank God for the privilege He gave me to study in the U. S. A., especially in Mississippi, and come back serving my people. During this Christmas season, I have been giving

thanks for (and send greetings to) Mississippi people, Clarke College, Mississippi College, Mississippi Baptists, and my American mother, Mrs. J. P. Summer from Pelahatchie. Sam Matalka, Principal Baptist Secondary Boys' School, Ajlune, Jordan.

## Report From Korea

Too much water has passed under the bridge since our last word to you. We've just been so busy we haven't written our usual letters. You will please forgive us.

Southern Baptist work in Korea has expanded very rapidly during the past ten years. The coming of new missionaries, building of Churches, residences, preaching every Sunday plus many other responsibilities keep up occupied nearly all the time.

Many new Churches and mission points have been organized the past year. On November 8-21 we had a special Revival Crusade in six of the key cities in South Korea. Large numbers came forward accepting Christ as Lord and Savior for the first time. Among them were American soldiers and officers.

One reason for writing at this time is to tell you we shall be leaving Korea on December 28 for furlough.

As usual, after a period of rest and visiting relatives, we shall be available for speaking in churches, School of Missions, camps or wherever needed. Our plans now are to make Florida our headquarters for this furlough. Until we are settled please address us Care Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond 30, Va.

Before you read this Christmas and New Year will have slipped up on us. Will you please accept this as our Greeting for this year? May the Spirit of the Christ Child permeate our thoughts throughout the coming year is our sincere prayer.

John & Jewell Abernathy  
Seoul, Korea.

## Calendar of Prayer

January 4 — Al Finch, Clarke Assoc. Moderator; G. H. Middleton, Clay Assoc. Moderator.

January 5 — Troy Prince, Lauderdale Assoc. Missionary; L. F. Haire, Calhoun Assoc. Missionary.

January 6 — Wiley Moody, Carey College faculty; Albert L. Craven, Miss. College faculty.

January 7 — Mrs. May Grillo, Baptist Building; Vesta Cole, Baptist Book Store.

January 8 — Mrs. H. J. Rushing, Gulf Coast Assoc. WMU Pres.; Mildred Mullikin, Blue Mtn. College faculty.

January 9 — Grace Lovelace, Baptist Building; Gene Hubbard, Miss. Assoc. Music Director.

January 10 — O. B. Mott, Pike Assoc. Brotherhood Pres.; Paul Pryor, Administrator, Baptist Hospital.

In the rush of everyday life, time must be set aside to teach the child to pray. There is no better time than just before retiring. — Martha Johnson, December HOME LIFE.

## New Books

**THE POWER OF NONVIOLENCE** by Richard B. Gregg (Fellowship Publications, 192 Pp., \$2.50).

A revision of a book published first in 1935 based upon the methods and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. Further study of this program in India, and then seeing its effectiveness in other lands, caused this enlarged, revision edition to be prepared. The reader may not agree with the conclusions and ideas, but will find provocative thinking.

**KITCHEN COMMUNION** by Cornelia M. Renfree (John Knox Press, 47 pp., \$1.50).

An attractively designed and written gift book with the message on what fellowship with the Lord will do to lighten the burden of household tasks.

**BIBLE FACTS WITH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** by Lura B. Lawrence (W. A. Wilde, 97 pp., \$1.00).

Gives hundreds of questions concerning facts and people of the Bible, and the answers with the Scripture source in the second section of the book.

## Pages

From The Past  
By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

### 50 YEARS AGO

The First Church, West Point, closed a successful meeting of days with nine additions, five of them for baptism. Pastor L. E. Barton was assisted by Rev. E. E. Dudley of Jonesboro, Arkansas, doing the preaching. Pastor R. A. Kimbrough of Blue Mountain (Lowrey Memorial) Church closed a revival meeting which netted 46 accessions to the church, 27 of them by baptism. Home Board Evangelist G. H. Crutcher did the preaching to the "delight" of the people.

Pastor L. G. Gates reports on their fifteen days meeting in which he was assisted by Home Board Evangelist W. A. McComb, resulting in thirteen additions to the "First Church, ten for baptism "and three reclaimed."

### 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. A. L. Goodrich was chosen Circulation Manager of the Baptist Record coming from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, Mississippi, with a stipulated salary, "plus bonus for increases in subscriptions and traveling expenses not to exceed \$400.00."

The Cleveland church held a very unique service on Sunday before Thanksgiving at which gifts of money and articles of supplies etc., were made for the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson. The church was attractively decorated with "Harvest" as the idea. Members of the Chinese Baptist Mission brought gifts amounting to \$80.00, and the total of gifts and money amounted to "around \$300.00." Rev. Ira D. Eavenson, pastor reporting.

The Roseland Park Baptist Church was organized in December, 1934, with Rev. W. D. Nix of Carriere as pastor. A Sunday school was started with thirty-seven enrolled.

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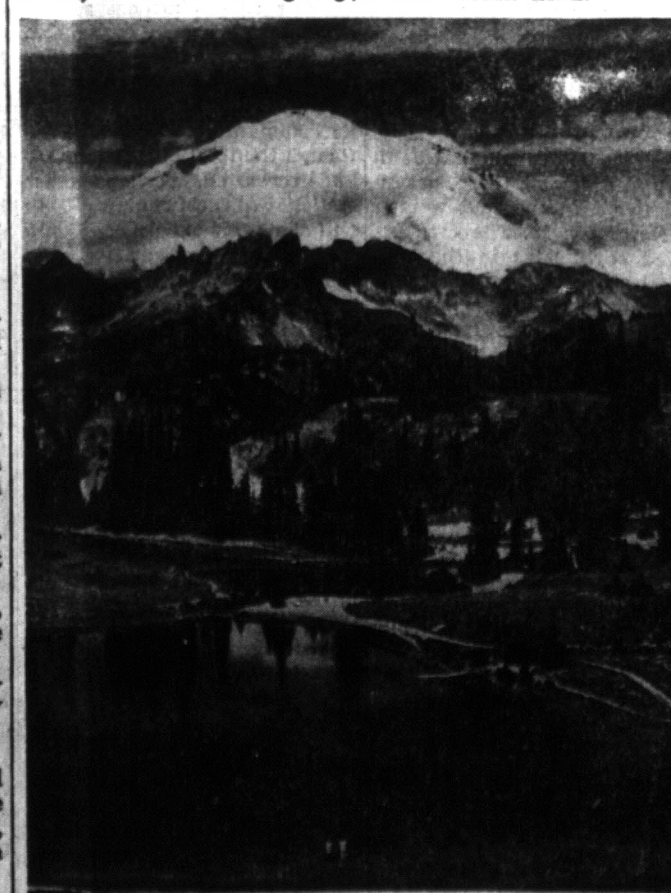
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THE SERENITY of a lake nestled 'neath majestic mountains brings to mind the quiet stillness of the presence of God.—(Union Pacific RE Photo).



## Tutwiler Pastor Called To La.

Rev. Clarence E. Young, 28, native of Brookhaven, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Winnsboro, La. He replaces the late Rev. C. B. Hall who died on June 28, after suffering a heart attack in the pulpit at the 11 o'clock service.

Rev. Young resigned as pastor of First church, Tutwiler, Miss. on December 6, and assumed his new responsibilities at Winnsboro on December 9.

The young minister had been pastor at Tutwiler for two and one-half years and his former pastorates include five churches in Mississippi and Louisiana.

During the time he served as pastor at Tutwiler, the church led the association in number of baptisms and additions, and has recently completed a successful campaign in the "Forward Program of Church Finance."

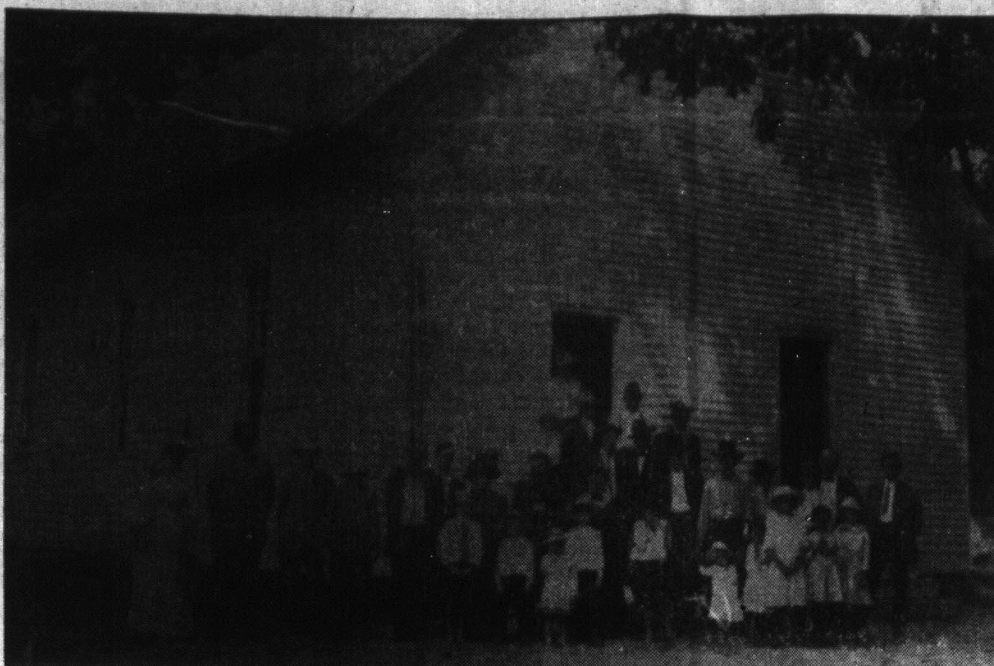
Rev. Young is married to the former Joe Ann Tyler of Picayune and Baton Rouge.

## 38 Churches Urge Boycotting Sunday Business

GREENSBORO, N. C. (RNS)—Thirty-eight Baptist congregations here have called for a boycott of Sunday retailers, enactment of a city ordinance barring unessential business on the Lord's Day, and use of the day by "pastors and people entirely for spiritual purposes."

The churches, all represented in the Greensboro Baptist Pastors Conference, adopted a resolution asserting that the community's "moral fiber" is strengthened by the Baptist historic attitude "that Sunday is the Lord's Day and should be used for worship, rest, and spiritual service, deeds only of mercy expected."

Commended in the statement were "all those businesses which have demonstrated through the years a keen interest in the welfare of our community and who respect the personal rights of their employees to keep the Lord's Day holy, as the Scriptures command, by remaining closed on Sunday."



THE PLEASANT RIDGE Church in Chickasaw County is pictured above, in its "before" and "after" version. Top photo pictures the church building in 1913. Bottom left shows the sanctuary erected in 1953 and the two-story educational building erected in 1957. Bottom right is the pastor, Rev. J. E. Rogers.

## PLEASANT RIDGE COMPLETES 100TH YEAR

Pleasant Ridge Church, Chickasaw Association, observed their Centennial on December 27, 1959, with all-day services. Rev. T. A. Mitchell, pastor of Ridge Avenue Church, Monroe, La., and pastor at Pleasant Ridge from 1920 to 1922, brought the Centennial message.

Rev. Arlis Bryant, pastor at Kokomo, and pastor at Pleasant Ridge from 1949 to 1954, spoke in the afternoon. Rev. J. L. Boyd presented the church history. Rev. J. E. Rogers has been pastor of the church since November 14, 1954.

Other pastors were: G. L. Jennings, R. M. Mitchell, William Gorden, R. M. Mitchell, James Martin, R. W. Thompson, James

Woffard, S. M. Cole, B. R. Hughey, S. M. Cole, T. H. Smith, J. T. Mitchell, J. L. Wilson, S. M. Cole, J. B. Cole, S. M. Cole, T. A. Mitchell, Paul Townsend, M. C. Puttman, J. R. Mitchell, T. H. Winter, E. L. Puttman, Arlis Bryant and J. E. Rogers.

The church was constituted December 22, 1859, with seventeen charter members. Today the membership is 307.

In 1860 a house of worship was constructed. In 1913 a new sanctuary was built. In the year 1919 the church property was valued at \$1,000.

In 1944 the church adopted the "Every Family Plan" of the Baptist Record.

On December 9, 1950 the church purchased 27 acres of land, on which the present buildings stand.

In 1950 the church went to full time, the first rural church in the association to do so.

In September, 1950 the church organized a Training Union. By 1953 a new Sanctuary had been completed.

On Sunday, October 10, 1954

the new Sanctuary was dedicated free of debt.

In June, 1955 the church organized a Brotherhood and W. M. U. By the end of 1956, a new pastorium had been dedicated free of debt.

By the end of 1957 a \$25,000 Educational building was completed.

At the close of 1959 the Pleasant Ridge church property was valued at \$50,000 and over \$1,000 was paid for missions. The church is sponsoring a thirty-minute broadcast over a 5000 watt Radio station, WCPC in Houston, with the pastor doing the preaching. The church has raised its mission giving from 10% to 12% for 1960.

## Jennie Stevens Dies At Canton

Funeral services were conducted from First Church, Canton, December 8, for Miss Jennie Stevens, 85, led by Rev. David Cranford, pastor of First, Canton; Rev. Pascal Moore; and Dr. John DeFoore, Florence, Alabama. Interment was at Inverness.

The following quotation is taken from Rev. David T. Cranford's tribute to Miss Jennie, which was printed in the Weekly Messenger of First Church of Canton:

"Monday evening (December 7) near the hour of six o'clock Miss Jennie Stevens, one of the great women of our time, laid aside her 'earthly house of this tabernacle.'"

"With an opportunity such as few ever have 'to lay up treasures on earth, where moth and dust corrupt, and thieves break through and steal,' she chose to lay up treasures in heaven. Her face was fair, her heart was kind, and her person was pleasing. She indeed lived so near to God's heart, that, whatever she did, wherever she went, whatever she said, everyone knew that she had 'been with Jesus.'"

"As it is recorded in the sacred writings of another in the long ago and far away: 'Miss Jennie walked with God, and she was not, for God took her.'"



BAPTIST VISITORS—A painting of a Texas scene caught the eye of Wilfred L. Jarvis (right) of Sydney, Australia, former vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, as he toured the new headquarters building of the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, Tennessee recently. Jarvis, who is visiting Southern Baptist Convention agencies, was welcomed by John W. McCall, chairman of the executive committee of the Brotherhood Commission.—(BF) Photo.

## 23 At MC Listed In Who's Who

Mississippi College will have 23 seniors to appear in the 1960 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The list is announced by Dr. Charles W. Scott, dean of students and chairman of the selection committee. Members of that group included student leaders, faculty members, and administrative officers.

Criteria for selection, according to Dr. Scott, included scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship, character, loyalty, and promise of future usefulness. Those to receive the honor are: Marilyn Barnes, Hattiesburg; Harry Brigrance, Gloster; Suzanne Calhoun, Indianola; Frederick R. Cobb, Inverness; Pendleton Dale, Brandon; Mary Ryn Davidson, Kosciusko; James H. DePoyster, Inverness; and Mary Faye Edmondson, Edwards.

### Florida Student

Also, Virginia Louise Haynes, Columbus; Melvin V. Hood, Jr., Deeson; Ralph Daniel Howell, Bonifay, Fla.; Kenneth Ralph Lyle, Houston, Tex.; Sarah Ann Odle, Jackson; Thomas Norman O'Neal, Clinton; Lucas Oliver Platt, Columbus; and Beverly Ann Ponder, Laurel.

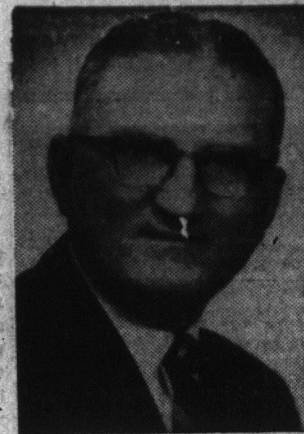
Others are Lucy Simmons Rushing, Kosciusko; Stanley Ballard Rushing, Cleveland; William Larry Smith, Laurel; Gail Weaver, West; Mamie Louise Willingham, Grenada; John Lavier Young, Moss Point; and William Larry Zigar, Pascagoula.

## Latin America Tests Material

NASHVILLE — (BP) — A member of the stewardship office staff of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee will lead clinics in four South American countries in 1960.

The clinics will be on the Forward Program of Church Finance, or as it is known in Latin America, "the Advance Program."

Robert J. Hastings of Nashville, assistant director of church finance, will lead the clinics in Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia during January and February.



C. S. Hodge

## MIN. OF EDUC. AT MAIN ST.

C. S. Hodge, recently of First Church, Danville, Va., has begun his duties as minister of education at Main Street, Hattiesburg, Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor. A reception honoring him was held Sunday evening, December 20, following the annual Christmas music program.

Mr. Hodge is a native of Illinois, a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

About six years ago Mrs. Hodge taught Junior workers in an Training Union enlargement campaign at Main Street, serving on a faculty directed by C. Aubrey Hearn of the Training Union Department in Nashville. Since then she has passed away. There are two sons, one a Navy surgeon stationed at Pensacola; the other married and living in New York.

## Michigan Baptists Report Gain

FLINT, Mich. (RNS)—Southern Baptist churches in Michigan increased from 63 to 80 last year and the number of missions from 16 to 24, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

Goal for 1960 is 60 new churches and missions.

Total Southern Baptist membership in the state rose to 12,783, with a record gain of 1,517 by baptism and 1,462 by transfer letter from other congregations, denominational officials said.

Gifts to all causes during the past year totaled \$982,811, with \$80,082 in undesignated offerings going to the convention's Co-operative Program and \$94,280 in designated gifts.

## Quakers Say Wars Take 71 Per Cent Taxes

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Almost 71 cents out of the taxpayer's dollar will go for war, either military preparation or the cost of past conflicts, the Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation reported here after an analysis of funds voted by the last session of Congress.

Congress appropriated \$46,214,000,000 for military and atomic energy programs based on defense, or 63½ cents out of the tax dollar, the Quaker group said.

In addition, the cost of veterans' benefits, survivors, pensions, maintenance of military memorials, etc., amounts to \$5,388,000,000 or almost 7½ cents of the tax dollar.

And this does not include interest on the national debt, most of which was incurred during time of war, which will run more than nine billion dollars this year, the committee said.

Foreign and Heavy Despite the heavy emphasis on military expenditures, the appropriation for war is a little less than last year, the Quakers reported, when military programs took more than 65 cents of the tax dollar and in 1957 when they took 66 cents.

The Quaker organization said that the various programs of the Department of Agriculture take nearly 6 cents of the tax dollar, the programs of the Department of Interior require about 2 cents; and all of the social security, health, education, and welfare expenditures of the U. S. government use up about a nickel of each federal budget dollar.

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The PURPOSE of the State Vacation Bible School Clinic is to train workers to return to their association and conduct similar one-day clinics.

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## Texas Baptists Give Position On Catholic Candidate

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — (RNS) — Texas Baptists adopted a resolution here cautioning members of the denomination against voting for a Roman Catholic candidate, but noting that "no person's religious affiliation per se should rule out his candidacy."

In other actions, the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its annual meeting condemned racial prejudice, drinking of intoxicating beverages, materialism and immodest dress and manners.

"Theoretically," the voting resolution said, "a Roman Catholic has as much right to be elected to public office as anyone else. Practically, it must be remembered that the Catholic Church rejects as a 'shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism' the American doctrine of Church-State separation."

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# The Menace Of Moderatism

By Vance Havner  
Baptist Evangelist

The greatest peril we face today is not extremism, serious as that is, but moderatism. By moderatism I do not mean moderation. The Scriptures teach moderation, temperance that avoids excess. But moderatism is something else altogether.

Moderatism stands with the multitude at Carmel when Elijah cries, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" and "answers him not a word." It is Laodiceanism, neither cold nor hot but lukewarm.

The moderatist cannot understand our Lord's saying, "I would thou wert cold or hot." "Is it not better to be lukewarm than cold?" he argues. "Is it not better to join church and support it even though unsaved than to stay out altogether? Is it not better to go halfway than never to start?" He boasts: "I am not going off the deep end on religion. I am not committing myself too far." He is like the rich young ruler who was a fine boy but would not sell out for Jesus Christ.

## Both Sides of the Street

The moderatist works both sides of the street. He may be at the Lord's table on Sunday morning and take his cocktail on Sunday night. He makes sacred things common and dignifies the profane. He slaps God on the back in cheap familiarity with "the Big Buddy Upstairs." He makes Christianity a cheap commodity. He is the product of this age of world conformity, of peaceful coexistence with sin, that glorifies the great general average. The devil would pull down the high and build up the low to one common level.

At Calvary, the thieves had lived below the average, our Lord had lived above the average and it was the great general average that crucified them all. Satan cheapens religion and dignifies his own product. He advertises liquor, not with Bowers bums, but with "Men of Distinction." Here again, it is the moderate drinker who keeps up the whiskey business. It is the moderate drinker who causes most of the automobile accidents. The all-out drunk is thrown into the back seat but it is the moderatist who sits at the wheel with multiplied horsepower at his hand but no horse sense in his head. It is the church-office-holding moderate drinker who is a bigger asset to the devil in this connection than all the bums in the back alleys.

## Satan Advertises

Satan advertises tobacco, not with lung cancer victims but

with attractive girl smokers. He makes dancing respectable by the sanction of the church and puts it under religious auspices with prominent churchmen endorsing it. Hollywood, that cesspool of moral putrefaction, portrays the Bible and the clergy give it their blessing. TV stars end worldly programs with a hymnsing. Moderatism approves all of this and the few who object are classed hopeless extremists if they walk not in the middle of the road.

## Halfway Existence

There is such a thing as extremism and a true moderation avoids extremes. But in the spiritual realm what are the extremes? A true New Testament Christian would be called an

extremist today. They were so called in the early church. Even our Lord was accused of being beside himself and so was Paul. We are so subnormal today that a normal Christian would be called abnormal! The true middle-of-the-road is therefore what the moderatist calls extreme.

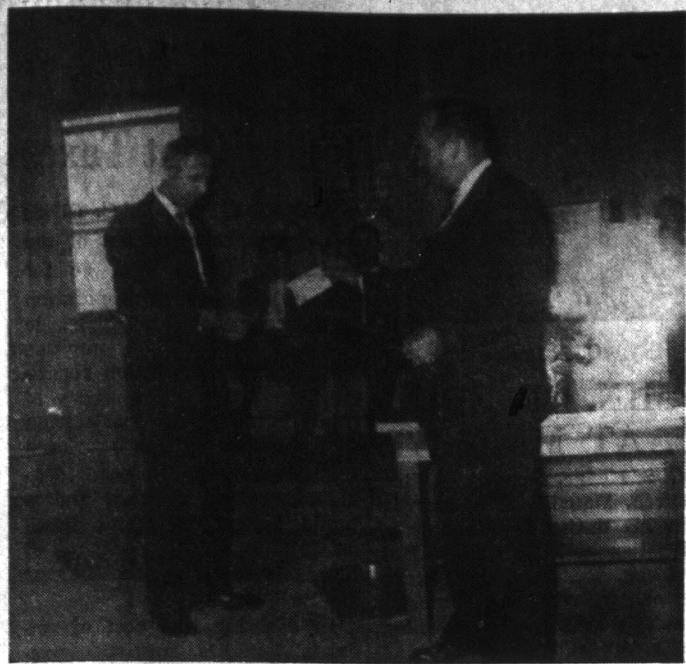
The moderatist pulls down what is high to mediocrity and pulls up the low to respectability. He smudges black and white into an indefinite gray. His theology is halfway. He is a fundamental-modernist and a modernistic-fundamentalist. Halfway Christians crowd the churches. The Lord's sheep become gray and that makes black sheep less conspicuous. Christians in spotted garments are not so disturbing to sinners as saints who walk in white.

The moderatist makes much of tolerance. He mistakes the stretching of his conscience for the broadening of his mind. The Word of God says, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil" (Psalm 97:10). Here love and hate go together, love of the Lord and hatred of evil. We are to abhor and abstain from all appearance of evil, not tolerate it. Some things cannot be tolerated. Sin is spiritual cancer and the man who tries to live with it dies of it. If we do not deal with malignancy it will deal with us and malignancy tolerates nothing. The Israelites tolerated the Canaanites instead of exterminating them and were overcome by them. The church in Thyatira had love, "agape," but tolerated, "suffered" Jezebel and our Lord dealt with them in flaming judgment (Rev. 2:18-29). We tolerate false doctrine and worldliness under the guise of Christian charity. But such Bible words as "abhor," "abstain" and "hate" leave no room for being chummy with evil.

The Scriptures demand a complete break with evil and a complete commitment to God. The outstanding moderatist of the New Testament was Gamaliel. When the apostles were on trial he took to the middle of the road. I once thought that his speech was sober and level-headed and reasonable. Actually he was an appeaser who turned the meeting into a religious Munich. He was Chamberlain without his umbrella. He was the apostle of compromise. He would be neither for nor against. He took to the fence, one of the first in a long line of straddlers who have caused the church no end of trouble. He made a false comparison. Actually, although the disciples were immediately in mind, he was comparing Jesus Christ with two agitators, Theudas and Judas. But Jesus Christ cannot be compared to anybody. He is Jesus Christ! Gamaliel suggested a false criterion: "We will see how this movement turns out. Time will tell."

You cannot apply that yardstick to the cause of Jesus Christ. It awaits the verdict of eternity. Visible success is not the proof of Christianity. The man who postpones taking his stand for Christ until he sees how the gospel will turn out will live and die with Gamaliel. Furthermore, Gamaliel arrived at a false conclusion. "Refrain from the men and let them alone." But you cannot let them alone! You cannot play hands off with the cause of Jesus Christ. You cannot defer action on him and wash your hands like Pilate. He that believeth not is condemned already. If we gather not with him we scatter abroad. Until we are with him we are against him. Gamaliel was the great moderatist. Paul started out as an opposer and ended as an apostle but he was never an appeaser.

**Black and White**  
Joseph Parker said of Spurgeon: "The only colors Spurgeon knew were black and white. In all things he was definite. With Spurgeon you were either up or down, in or out, alive or dead. As for middle zones, graded lines, light compounded with shadow in a graceful exercise of give and take, he only looked upon them as heterodox and as implacable enemies of the Metropolitan Tabernacle." Definitely, Spurgeon was not a moderatist. In the down-grade controversy of his day, he was no doubt labeled an extremist by all who traveled the middle of the road. We need a revival of his "extremism" today. — The Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma.



SECOND CHURCH, Indianola, burned a note that completed the payment on their educational building. The church now has only a small debt on the pastorium. The above picture shows the chairman of the deacons, T. P. Hamner, lighting the note, and the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Tucker, holding the note. The deacons are in the background. With this debt paid, the church plans another building project; an additional educational unit and an auditorium. A building fund has already been started for this.

## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

### Foreign Board Appointed 144 Missionaries in 1959

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 25 missionaries at its December meeting, setting a record of 144 appointments during the year and surpassing its goal by four. The December appointees bring to 1,382 the number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

Actions taken by the Board added two new fields to those in which Southern Baptist foreign missionaries will be stationed, bringing the number of countries, or separate political entities, to 44. Six of these have been added in 1959.

The new missionaries are Charles W. Bedenbaugh, South Carolina, and Betty Marshall Bedenbaugh, Illinois, for East Africa; Joan Collins, Pennsylvania, for East Africa; Buck Donaldson, Jr., Louisiana, and Barbara Hasty Donaldson, Minnesota, for East Africa; W. Wilson Donehoo and Martha Statham Donehoo, both of Georgia, for Colombia; Marvin E. Fitts, Mississippi, and Jean Carlisle Fitts, Tennessee, for Peru; Jack D. Hancox and Doris White Hancox, both of Tennessee, for Europe; Howard C. Knight, North Carolina, and Joyce Wheeler Knight, Florida, for Argentina.

Also, Tom W. McMillan, Texas, and Marilyn Jones McMillan, Kentucky, for East Africa; Winfred L. Medcalf and Sue Hensley Medcalf, both of Oklahoma, for Thailand; J. Eugene Troop and Leona Walker Troop, both of Missouri, for North Brazil; G. T. Turner and Norma Jean Brasher Turner, both of Mississippi, for Argentina; Willie E. Whelan, Kentucky, and Elaine Power Whelan, New York, for Korea; and C. Benton Williams and Elizabeth Rogers Williams, both of Tennessee, for Thailand.

Among the new missionaries are nine preachers, two medical doctors, one dentist, and two registered nurses. The doctors are Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., and Winfred L. Medcalf; the dentist is Willie E. Whelan, and the nurses are Joan Collins and Mrs. C. Benton Williams.

Medcalf, the first medical doctor to be appointed for service in Thailand, will help to open medical work in that country. Whelan, the second dentist appointed this year, is the first to serve in Korea. He will be associated with the Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox were appointed for English-speaking work in Europe. Their first assignment will likely be Orleans, France, where a congregation, begun by American service personnel, has asked to Foreign Mission Board for assistance. France is one of the two new fields.

The other is the island of Okinawa, where a developing English-language Baptist church will be assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Alvin E. Spencer, Jr., who were transferred from Japan.

The six new countries added to the list of Southern Baptist mission fields in 1959 are Viet-

nam, Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia, Guinea, France, and Okinawa.

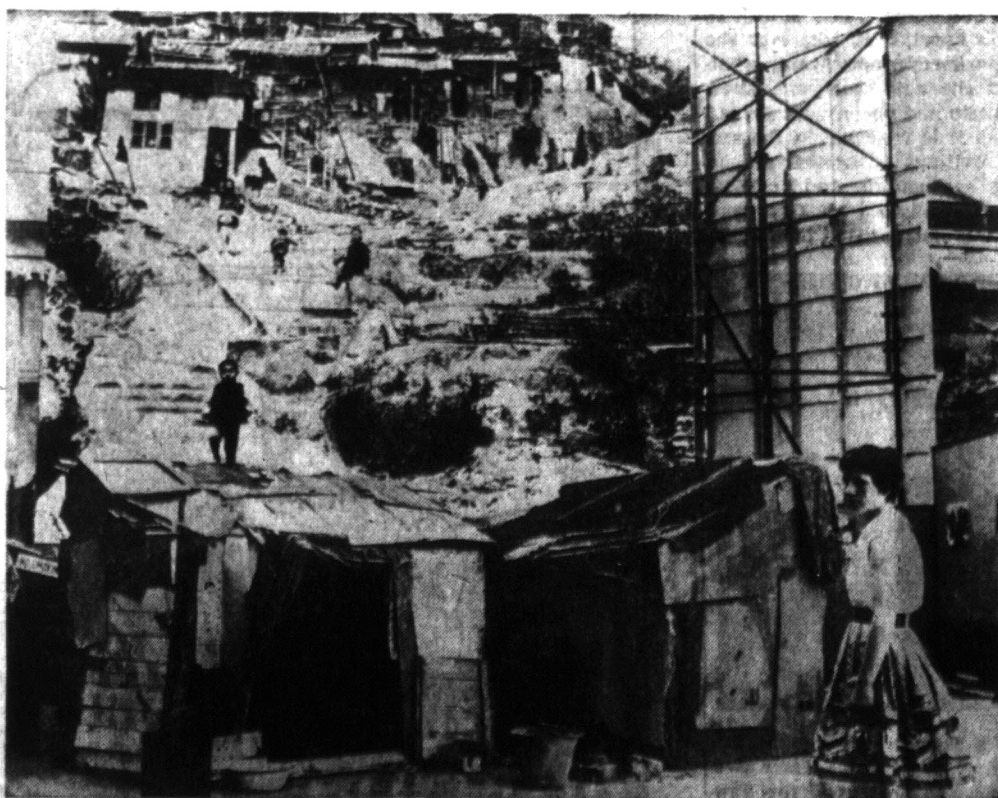
### Money and Missionaries Necessary to Expansion

Calling 1959 the best year in the history of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Caution, executive secretary, said:

"We thank God for all the effort that has been put forward in prayer and ministry to make this year possible. We need to remember that the coming of each missionary for appointment represents a profound personal experience which has come into reality through a combination of impressions and influences.

"We are grateful to our Lord for the sustained financial support paralleling the growth in missionary personnel. We must keep in mind that the appointment of a large number of missionaries means inevitably that the budget for the following year automatically must be greatly enlarged. The missionary section of the 1960 budget is \$671,830.32 larger than was that section for 1959. The total amount appearing in the missionary section of the budget for 1960 is \$5,318,099.35.

"We are firmly convinced that God is leading in a very definite expansion of worldwide missionary effort. This expansion is contingent upon sustained growth both in the number of missionary volunteers and in finances. We have come to a day when the foreign mission operation is very extensive both in the number of missionary volunteers and in finances. We have come to a day when the foreign mission operation is very extensive both geographically and in financial responsibility.



HONG KONG IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE—(London) — Photomurals of Hong Kong squatters' homes from a dramatic backdrop to this World Refugee Year exhibition in Trafalgar Square, London. Planned and co-ordinated by the British Council of Churches' Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service to aid its drive for \$1,400 in WRY funds, the project features authentic replicas of shacks occupied by many of the 1,000,000 Chinese who fled to the British colony from the Red China mainland.—(RNS Photo).



Rev. Taylor Wallace

### Assistant Pastor At Quitman, 1st

Rev. Taylor H. Wallace has accepted the position of Assistant Pastor of First Church, Quitman. His duties will be in the field of Education and Music promotion.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds the B. D. degree from the Southern Seminary. He has served as a Navy Chaplain, an Associational Missionary and as a Pastor. He is now the Pastor of the Springfield Church near Morton.

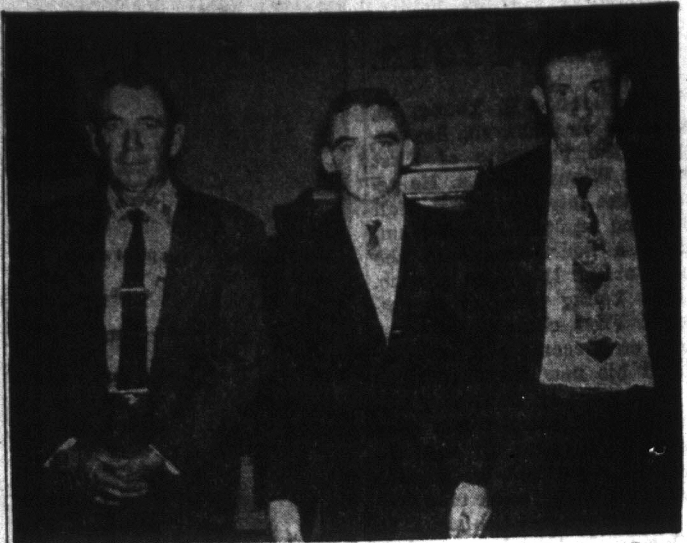
Rev. Wallace will assume his duties at Quitman, Jan. 1. Rev. N. F. Greer is the pastor at Quitman.

### SS Board To Have Recreation Meet

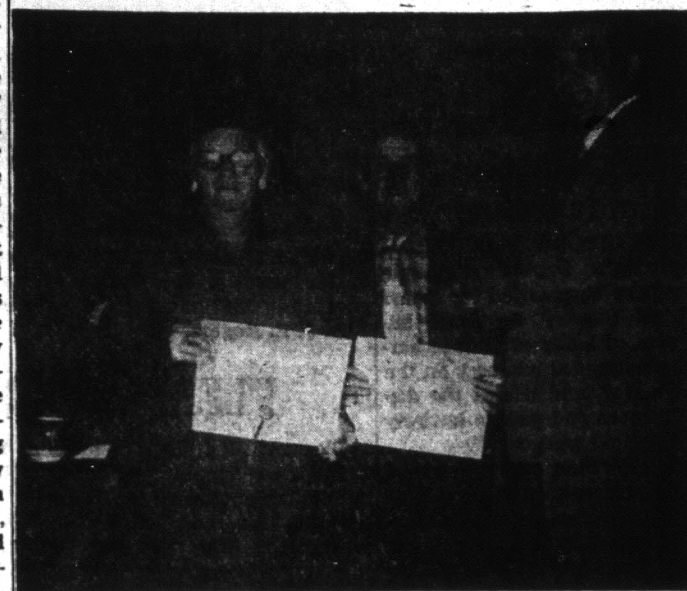
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Adelle Carlson, recreation planning consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Service, Nashville, Tenn., has announced plans for a recreation workshop in January.

Set for January 12-14 at the Sunday School Board, the meeting is planned for a serious study of the needs and problems of older adults in Southern Baptist churches. The group will think together on the place of recreation in the life of an older, and evaluate the week-day activities Southern Baptist churches are offering and can offer.

Mrs. Geneva Mathiasen, executive secretary of the National Committee of the Aging, will be a featured speaker.



ORDAINED on November 15 at Hathorn Church were two deacons and one minister. Shown, left to right, they are J. N. Ward, deacon; Rev. Jerry White, minister; and S. R. Tolar, deacon. Rev. S. R. Pridgen, White Sand Church, delivered the ordination charge; Rev. Charles Ray Dampeer, Hepzibah, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Bob Alston, pastor at Hathorn, was moderator of the ordaining council.



PRESENTING attendance certificates to Miss Bessie Hathorn and Clyde Hathorn at the Hathorn Church is Wilburn Rogers, S. S. Supt. Miss Bessie has missed one Sunday in six years and Mr. Clyde one Sunday in four years; both have perfect attendance for last year. Miss Bessie has been elected Sunday School secretary for the remainder of her life. Mr. Clyde is secretary of the Brotherhood and of his Sunday School class. Last year the Sunday School had an average attendance of 80, (enrollment 119) with a grade of 79. Rev. Bob Alston is the pastor.

## Illinois Baptist Convention Votes 3 New Projects For Next 5 Years

ANNA, Ill. — (BP)—Illinois Southern Baptists voted here to start three new building projects in the next five years.

Coupled with this action was adoption of a goal of \$1 million to be raised during the five-year period for capital needs.

The building projects include a Baptist student center at the University of Illinois in Champaign, completion of a girls' dormitory at Southern Illinois College of the Bible in Carbondale, and erection of another cottage at the Baptist children's home in Carmi.

The Illinois Baptist State Association committee on long-range programs presented the objectives at the 1959 association committee on long-range programs presented the objectives at the 1959 associational session here.

Messengers voted to continue the committee for another year. During this 12 months, the committee will draft a proposed program for an institutional ministry. Baptist leaders said this

would likely include further plans in Christian education and discussion of a Baptist home for the aged in Illinois.

The 1960 association budget of \$495,000, adopted at the session, will be divided 66 per cent for state Baptist work and 35 per cent for missions, education, and benevolence supported through the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. C. Dobbs, pastor, Winstanley Baptist Church East St. Louis, will succeed A. E. Brown of Vandalia as president of the state association. J. Curtis Martin, pastor, 4th Ave. Baptist Church, Rockford, was chosen vice-president. L. H. Moore, Carbondale, associate executive secretary of the association, was re-elected clerk.

Three new associations of churches were recognized at the session. They are the Alton Industrial Association in the area of the city of Alton, and Three Rivers Association and Lake County Association around Chicago.



### Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb  
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Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY

## WHAT DOES THE NEW YEAR HOLD FOR YOU?

The New Year comes to us as a flower unblown or a book unread; a tree with fruit unharvested or a path untrod. It appears as a landscape whose wide border lies in silent shade beneath the skies or a wondrous fountain yet unsealed. As a laborer in Woman's Missionary Union, what waits for you—beyond tomorrow's mystic gates? There stands on the threshold of a new year, first of all, a challenge for the days ahead; a personal challenge to you to become more vitally aware of your world through full participation in Woman's Missionary Union.

Opportunity looms on the horizon of a new year — opportunity to assist in a fine way with the missionary education of the

young people in your church. Opportunity to extend your witness of Christ to the ends of the earth as you pray for our mission work and our missionaries; as you give sacrificially of your money to further the cause of Christ.

Also awaiting in the new year are satisfaction and peace which come to those who strive to know about the peoples of their world; those who daily use the magical wings of prayer as a medium through which the world may be blessed; those who serve the physically and spiritually needy right where they are; and those who accept the gigantic task of assisting with the missionary education of youth.

What awaits you in 1960?



# Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

DECEMBER 27, 1958		
Aberdeen, First	367	117
Amory, First	346	96
Bethel (Co.)	79	56
Bethlehem (Jones)	187	107
Biloxi, Emmanuel	300	83
Booneville, First	226	64
Byram	203	121
Calhoun City, First	235	86
Clear Creek (La.)	79	68
Cleveland:		
Calvary	128	81
Yale Street	107	84
First	263	84
Collins	146	106
Corinth, First	262	98
Corinth, Calvary	103	60
Friendship (Monroe)	52	26
Greenville, Parkville	352	130
Greenwood, Calvary	226	118
Guilford, Grace Mem.	268	58
Guilford, First	647	203
Hattiesburg, First	414	142
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	195	117
Houston, First	229	103
Jackson:		
Ridgeway	373	156
Crestwood	220	131
Van Winkle	336	225
First	346	169
Daniel Memorial	572	233
Midway	166	81
Calvary	369	403
Main	369	373
Mission	20	27
West	264	147
Southside	157	82
Kosciusko, First	407	126
Main	392	135
Maple Mission	15	15
Laurel, Magnolia St.	356	89
Laurel, Plainway	144	88
Long Beach, First	250	81
Main	230	7
DeLisle	20	7
Long Lake	40	25
Longview	71	66
Lucedale, First	258	132
Lyon	97	35
McComb, Locust St.	147	93
McComb, South	172	61
Magee, Eastside	157	189
Meridian, Key Field	89	49
Natchez, Morgantown	157	67
Natchez, Fellowship	197	68
Natchez, First	410	201
Newton, First	325	144
Pascagoula, First	488	127
Pascagoula, Orange		
Grove	88	57
Pelahatchie	92	52
Petal, Crestview	65	43
Purvis, First	211	91
Ridley, First	257	72
Madison	223	69
Mission	34	23
Rolling Fork, First	171	62
Fourth	40	40
Sherman	95	17
Starkville, First	482	194
Summerland	76	40
Sumrall, First	172	64
Terry	123	62
Tupelo, Spring St.	59	35
Tupelo, First	472	166
Vicksburg, First	472	166
Weir	65	60
Wheeler Grove (Aic.)	149	131

**AT HOULKA CHURCH**—Perfect attendance pins were presented. Receiving first-year pins were: Claire Keith, Jimmy Guy McDonald, Joyce Box, Joyce Sims, Jeffrey Box, and Mrs. Polly Box. Second-year: Kay Keith, Billy Box, Buddy Miles, and Thelma Ann Feden. Third year: Ann Miles, Harry Sims, Jerry Sims, Joe Box, Betty Miles, Jimmy Hardin, Frank Hardin, Allan Washington, Mrs. Lorene Washington, Jane Sims, David Box, Barbara Washington, James Hardin, and G. C. Miles. Fourth-year: Tommy Washington. Fifth-year: Judy Sims. Hazeland Andrews received a ninth-year award, and her brother, Royce Henry Andrews completed his tenth-year of perfect Sunday School attendance. Also pictured is Burrell Hooper, Sunday School Superintendent. Rev. Mack D. Rutledge, is pastor.

## CHILDHOOD DISEASES AMONG THE WORLD'S CHILDREN

By Dr. A. C. Miller  
Executive Secretary, SBC  
Christian Life Commission

In many ways this is a child's world. Into this vast family of mankind three children are born every second and before a day passes 260,000 more are born. By the end of a single year, 30 million children are born. But the tragic truth is that the great majority of these children who are given life run the high risk of early death from diseases that lie in wait for them.

A baby born into the villages of Iraq or Pakistan, for instance, faces a fifty-fifty chance to live; and a large proportion of those who are left will face life crippled by disease or weakened by malnutrition. In America we speak lightly of "childhood diseases," but we dare not speak lightly of the diseases of childhood in large areas of the world.

In some of these geographic areas it is likely that the child will contract trachoma—a pain-

ful eye infection that frequently leads to blindness. In areas of Asia, as large as Europe, a large proportion of the children have, or have had, malaria. This disease has cost India as many as 100 million people in a year, and in countries all over the world it has taken as many as 400 million people in a single year.

### Percentage Greater

In some parts of Central Africa the percentage of children who have leprosy is greater than the percentage of American children who at any one time is suffering from a sore throat. The awful fact is that 650 million of the world's children are faced with a short life, a sick life, a hungry life.

Yes, something can be done about this. Something is being done by missionary doctors and nurses in hospitals who keep up a constant battle for the lives of the children in the lands in which they work. And much is being done through the United Nations Children's Fund through which more than 60 million of the world's children were treated last year.



R. L. Covington

## Presents \$10,000 To Foundation

R. L. Covington of Hazlehurst recently presented a gift of \$10,000 to the Baptist Foundation.

Mr. Covington, a charter trustee of the Baptist Foundation, has given altogether more than \$60,000 to the Foundation, all of which is for permanent endowment, to be divided among the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Cooperative Program, the four Baptist colleges in Mississippi, the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson, New Orleans Seminary, and Southern Seminary.

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer is Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

It is important for a child to know himself. To do this, he needs leisure to think and dream. It is up to parents to see that he gets it. — Mae Little, December HOME LIFE.

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## — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON — Launching A World Mission

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

Scripture Text: Acts 13.  
I. ANTIOCH.

1. So far up the Syrian coast that very few of the tourists who visit the Holy Land include it in their itineraries, on the Orontes River, fifteen miles from the Syrian coast, lies the city of Antioch, founded about 300 B. C., by Antiochus, and



grown now to be the third city of the Roman world, smaller only than Rome and Alexandria.

2. Antioch was a city of more than half a million, the majority of whom were Syrians, though they spoke the Greek language. The seat of the Roman governor of the province, Antioch, contained large numbers of Romans, while the Jews, having been given equal rights of citizenship with the Macedonians and Greeks, formed a large community.

3. Antioch was noted for its wealth and luxury, and equally for its exceeding wickedness. So notoriously infamous was its shameful corruption that the Roman satirist, Juvenal, in characterizing the degradation of Rome said, "The Syrian Orontes has flowed into the Tiber."

4. Antioch, being a gentile city, offered a rich field for the labors of Christian missionaries, and being almost wholly devoted to the worship of idols, afforded a virgin field for the preaching of the gospel of salvation.

5. Antioch received the Christian refugees who fled Jerusalem on the occasion of the persecution that arose at the martyrdom of Stephen, and a gentile church grew up there. To inspect this work of grace, good Barnabas went north from Jerusalem, and having rightly estimated the greatness of the possibilities for the work of the Lord there, brought Saul from Tarsus to assist in it.

6. Antioch is not mentioned as the seat of a church of great culture, great social standing, or great wealth, but of devoted men, dedicated Christians it did have a wealth. Note the names of a list of them: "In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul."

### II. THE HOLY SPIRIT COMMANDS THE CHURCH.

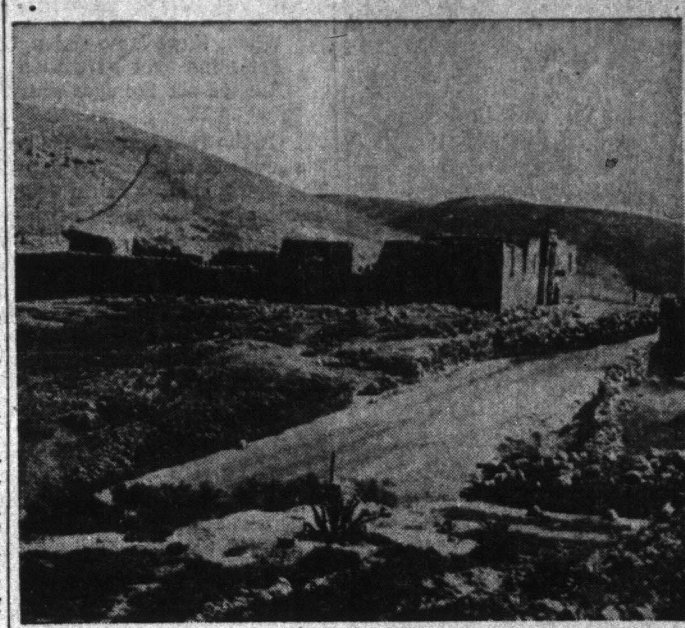
First, notice that the Holy Spirit holds command. He speaks the "Thus saith the Lord," and until He speaks, the congregation should be still, and He has spoken, the congregation should obey His orders, nothing doubting. Failure to hearken to His voice and obey His commands gives source to every church row and feud that anywhere racks any church and sows discord among brethren, and wherever any project for the Lord meets failure, the same reason may be assigned—a failure to hearken to the voice of the Spirit and heed the voice when heard.

Notice that this church gave the Spirit a chance to speak to them. "They were worshipping the Lord and fasting." They were giving themselves a chance at the Lord, and thereby giving the Lord a chance at them. Be quiet that you may hear Him speak. Leave off with your drinking parties and your feasts that you may not surfeit yourselves with stuff, but leave means of entrance for the Holy One.

### III. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S SPECIFIC COMMAND.

"Set apart for Me," Separate Me, "Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Notice that it is "the work to which I have called them," not simply the work they have decided they would love to do. "Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off." The act of the laying on of hands conferred no authority upon Barnabas and Saul: it simply recognized the fact that the Holy Spirit had conferred authority upon them.

"So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia: and from there



INN OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN in the Holy Land.—(RNS Photo).

they sailed to Cyprus." This is the beginning of the great Christian missionary enterprise. The Holy Spirit did not project it from the mother church at Jerusalem, the church of converted Jews; but from Antioch, the church of converted gentiles. Mother church could not get the vision of a world of despised gentiles being brought within the compass of the loving heart of God in bonds of love as strong and tender and fatherly as those with which God bound to Himself the children

of His chosen people. This inability besets His people here in this land, now in this day. This world in which we live, trembling now on the very brink of the abyss of utter destruction, is filled with such race hatred and prejudice to such an extent that it will not accept the fact of the choice of God as including all people.

(Lesson commentary based on "The International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.)

## Our Children — Tomorrow's Leaders

By W. G. Mize, Supt.  
Baptist Orphanage

It has been pointed out that our first-orphanages grew out of man's compassion for his fellow man. Because of man's deep respect for the dignity of human personality he has sought for ways to enhance the opportunity for finest growth and development of all human beings.

Surely those in greater need are those who for some reason are deprived of the opportunity to live with their own families. It, no doubt, would be the testimony of all of us that the opportunity that we cherish most is the opportunity to live with those we love dearest.

There is an expression that we are hearing today that has great meaning for our day. It is the phrase "orphans of the living." This phrase has great significance. Our young people

in our "Homes" today truly fit into this category.

### Many Problems

You have to think but little about this to see how great are their needs — how involved are their problems. It is that same love for our fellow man that prompted those in an earlier day to care for those who lost their parents by death, that moves you to be so generous in your aid to the "orphans of the living."

We are most grateful to you for your kind and generous support during the last year. We shall strive to serve the children here as you would have us serve. In every way we shall endeavor to make our Children's Home a strong arm of the church in its service to its people. Please come to see us and give us the benefit of your suggestion at all times.

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BETHEL CHURCH of Brandon is HONOR CHURCH Mrs. Curtis McGee, Junior Leader, is holding the HONOR CHURCH DIPLOMA. Standing with her are Jo Ann Duncan, Virginia Shepard and Barbara McGee, who were state winners in the Junior Memory Work Drill.



SILVER CREEK is HONOR CHURCH. Pictured above are some of the Young People of Silver Creek Baptist Church who helped earn the Youth Week Seal for the Honor Church Diploma.

## Church Chuckles



"Hiccups!"

Two Americans were cast away on a desert island in the middle of the Pacific for nearly three years. On day while they stood on the beach gazing out into the horizon, one spotted a bottle being washed ashore. He raced out into the surf and pulled it in. It was one of those new king-sized Coca-Cola bottles. He looked at it, then a frightening realization crossed his mind, "Jim," he shrieked, "we've shrunk!"

Dad was reclining in his easy chair absorbed in the evening newspaper when Junior entered the room.

"Say, Pop," he said, "did you go to Sunday School when you were a boy?"

"Yes, son," replied his father, "I went regularly."

"H'm," said the boy with a shrug, "I'll bet it won't do me any good either."

Little Marion, four years old, was busy ironing her dolly's new gown one Sunday.

Her nurse remonstrated, "Don't you know it's a sin for any work to begin on the Sabbath?"

Marion looked up calmly and answered, "Now don't you suppose the good Lord knows that this little iron ain't hot?"

A new psychiatrist at a mental asylum was approached by a patient. "Dr. Jones," he said, "we like you much better than the last doctor."

"Well, thank you," beamed the doctor. "But why is that?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied the patient. "You just seem more like one of us."

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## A Life-Giving Vision

By REV. J. N. CAUSEY, Pastor  
First, Tupelo

Where there is no vision, the people perish.—Prov. 29:18.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.—Luke 2:30.  
Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see.—Luke 10:23.

Of the five perceptory senses which God has given to man, the sense of sight would doubtless be considered most valuable. The eye is shaped in the form of a tiny camera with automatic focusing and automatic adjustment for light.

There is a grave problem on man's part in effective use of that happy ability which God has given him. The problem is to understand what he sees. The acuteness of the problem can be understood when it is realized that vision has almost no value if one is not able to perceive and understand clearly what he sees.

### The Dedication

The second chapter of Luke beginning with verse twenty-one presents the beautiful account of the dedication of the child Jesus in the temple by his earthly parents. An old man engaged in prayer—his name was Simeon—not only saw the baby Jesus but he was able to observe that this tiny individual held the hope of the world. With a zeal which was out of the ordinary, Simeon pressed the eight-day-old boy to his bosom, and his eyes looked as though into the face of God as he said these stirring words, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation." The other great sights which the eyes of Simeon had beheld during his lifetime were now pushed into the background as Simeon beheld his Lord. The conclusion seems therefore inescapable that man's life reaches its apex when he sees God.

### Simeon's Vision

Let us consider the events which accompanied Simeon's vision. First, it is easy to understand that Simeon saw Christ because he expected him. Verse 26 of Luke 3 declares, "And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." We gather from Simeon's habit of daily prayer that it was no accident that God was able to give to him this revelation. He was ready because he had prayed. Second, we observe that Simeon's vision of Christ led him to express his profound thanks to God. The words of Christ come to remind us of the importance of seeing these spiritual visions when he said, "Blessed are the eyes which see what your eyes behold." To see God and to understand fully the significance of that vision is to cause the sinful heart to respond in earnest gratitude for God's wondrous gifts.

Third, we understand that Simeon's vision prepared him for death. It is true that a man is not ready to die until he is prepared to live. Thus, at the very moment when Simeon was assured eternal life, he was made ready to die. The throngs of men alive in the world today who do not know Christ as Saviour are really not ready to die. There is therefore imposed upon us who know Christ the solemn obligation to give Him to men who are spiritually dead. Finally, we are led to understand that Simeon's vision caused him to become a moving influence on others who were close by. Verse 33 advises that Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him by Simeon and that Simeon blessed them. In wide-eyed wonder they observed the ecstasy and the delight of Simeon. A prophetic whose name was Anna, also being in the temple for prayer, was inspired by the reaction of Simeon to go into a prophetic outburst.



"SON OF A STRANGER" is the title of this gripping drama which deals with the failure of Christians to live lives of vital influence in areas of extreme importance. Ex-convict Cliff Miller meets his son Ron Miller for the first time in seven years. His brother and sister-in-law, who have reared the boy are unwilling to give the child up but fail to exert any positive influence for good on the misguided Cliff. A drama in THE ANSWER series, it will be seen on television in Mississippi on Sunday, January 10, over these stations: Jackson, WLBT; Meridian, WTOK-TV; Tupelo, WTUV, 4:30 p. m.

## JUNIPER GROVE ESTABLISHES NEW MISSION

Juniper Grove Church in Pearl River Association is sponsoring a mission at a nearby tung oil camp.

The young people of the church, the Y. W. A., the Y. W. A. leader, Mrs. Curtis Smith, and the pastor, Rev. Edward McKeithen, began a Sunday School at the camp. This grew into a mission.

Parents can hardly receive a greater blessing, regardless of what their children, become, than to hear them say to God, like the Christ of Christmas, "Not my will but thine be done."

—Don W. Minton, December HOME LIFE.

### Licensed

Edward Pendergrast was licensed to preach the gospel by the Second Baptist Church, Calhoun City, on December 13. Rev. Buford Ustry is pastor at Second Church.

## Ridgecrest Church Marks 6th Year

On Sunday, December 20, Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson observed its sixth anniversary. Starting from a very small beginning in a dilapidated colored house the church has grown rapidly having built three times in these six years.

The church has purchased nine acres of land and is now in the process of converting another house for Sunday School space which will make three frame buildings in use in addition to their permanent structure. The church has also grown rapidly in the addition of staff members and now has a full-time Minister of Education and has called a full-time Minister of Music and Youth. They have two full-time secretaries and one part-time secretary and a Kindergarten with three staff workers.

### 1469 Additions

The total number of additions during these six years has been 1469 of which 257 came by baptism. Total offerings have amounted to \$428,540.00. Of this amount \$73,360.00 has

been given to missions. The church now has a membership of 1129 and a Sunday School enrollment of 1527.

There are 596 enrolled in the Training Union. The church has used the Forward Program of Church Finance for three years and has over-subscribed the budget each year. The church has a long-range building program and will build three additional units to the present building. Rev. Fred Tarpley has been the pastor since the beginning.

## Crusade Planned For Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — (BWA)—A United Baptist Evangelist Crusade with open-air meetings in Montevideo, the capital, and other parts of the country, is scheduled for Uruguayan Baptists in November. It is part of a year-long evangelistic emphasis approved by the Uruguayan Baptist Convention and directed by Pastor Guillermo Milovan.

Preparation for the Crusade included intensification of radio programs, the printing of 5,000 special hymnals, and distribution of 5,000 posters.

## Holmes County Hymn Sing

The Holmes County Hymn Sing was held at First Church, Durant on December 6. A Program of Christmas Music was presented. Nine churches were represented with 146 present. Mrs. R. A. Herrington, Goodman, is the director.

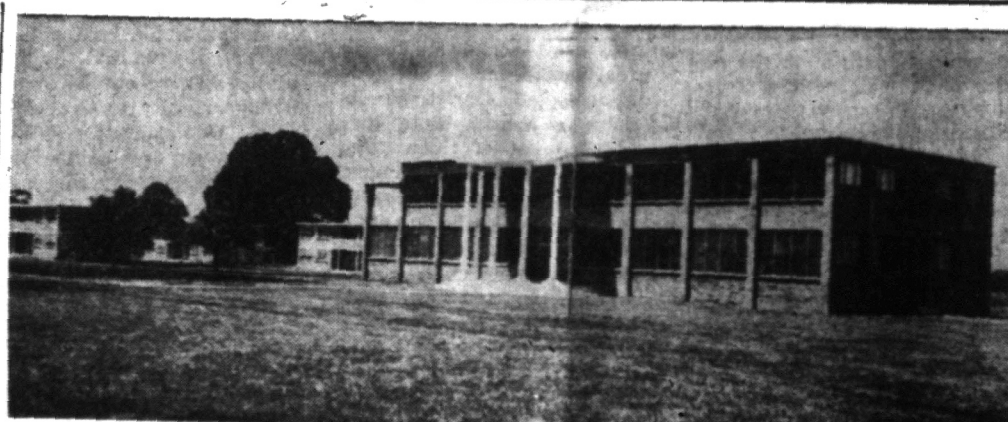
## EDON CALLS SUPPLY PASTOR

Edon Church, Jasper County, has called Dr. Bruce S. Hilburn as supply pastor.

During the past three years, Hilburn has been in active evangelistic work in Mississippi and in other states. His home address is RFD, 5.



MINNIE JEAN COOPER is the new church secretary for First Church, Quitman. A native of Merton, she is a 1959 graduate of Mississippi College where she majored in secretarial science and received the B. S. degree. Miss Cooper comes to Quitman from a position with the Sam B. Reid Insurance Agency in Jackson. Rev. N. F. Greer is the pastor at Quitman.



CALI SEMINARY—New buildings and the 26-acre campus of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali, Colombia, were dedicated in June. This picture shows the Hickerson Administration Building (right), named for the late Julius R. Hickerson Jr., who was to have been the school's first president, and the three student dormitory buildings. The dormitories provide some small, three-room apartments for married students with children.



THESE MESSENGERS to the sixth annual meeting of the Cotabato Baptist Association, on the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines, represent the 19 Baptist churches in Cotabato Province. The nipa structure in the background is the building of Tampacan Baptist Church.

## Filipino Baptists Urge Stewardship

Messengers from the 19 Baptist churches in Cotabato Province, on the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines, came together in October in a small nipa church building in Tampacan for the sixth annual meeting of the Cotabato Baptist Association. The major emphasis of the meeting was stewardship, with "Occupy Until I Come" as the theme.

The association adopted stewardship goals for the coming year, one of them being to stress the subject of doctrinal study for all church members.

The theme of self-support was also emphasized. The recommended that its churches cease asking for aid toward their pastors' salaries and attempt in every way possible to support the pastors from the organization of each new church. A committee was appointed to study ways and means of self-support and report their findings at the semi-annual meeting of the association in April.

Associational officers elected for the coming year are Mamer Galingan, moderator, Rev. Bonifacio Cabunoc, vice-moderator, Rev. Claro Condole, secretary-treasurer, and Missionary Leroy Benefield, auditor.



TOKYO BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED—(Tokyo)—This new \$150,000 Tokyo structure was dedicated here for the 300-member first English-speaking Southern Baptist church in Japan. Dedication rites marked the 70th anniversary of the denomination's missionary activity in Japan, which began on the island of Kyushu through evangelism, education and social work. Today, there are 180 churches and preaching places for Japanese, a large hospital in Tokyo and 125 missionaries who work with the Japan Baptist Convention.—(RNS Photo).

## INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL SETS ORGANIZATION

RICHMOND, Va. —(BP)—The Inter-Agency Council of the Council of the Southern Baptist Convention perfected its organization at its semi-annual meeting here.

The Council amended its constitution regarding membership and committees.

While the Inter-Agency Council has no power to enact or enforce programs, it provides a means for officers of various Southern Baptist agencies to get together and co-ordinate what they are doing.

One of its important functions is proposing the annual calendar for the Southern Baptist Convention, which it submits to the Convention's Committee on Denominational Calendar.

The work of the Council is chiefly internal, and any of its

recommendations must be carried through by the agencies which belong to it.

Its next meeting will be held March 21-22, 1960, in Dallas and the other 1960 meeting will convene November 21-22 at Birmingham.

## Conducting Survey

Dr. Charles L. Deever, head of the Mississippi College botany department, is conducting a science talent survey of Mississippi high schools.

He is one of the 20 senior scientists of Mississippi who are involved in the search. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the program has the primary objective of uncovering budding scientists early, while there is time to give them proper guidance toward a useful and challenging scientific career.

In many homes there is constant conflict over whose voice is to be heard, the advertiser's

## Retired Rio Baptist Gives Year's Salary

A beautiful view of Guanabara Bay is the only luxury enjoyed by Senhor Rosa, member of the Zumbi Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In the tiny house which he built of mud, brick, and unfinished lumber there are no electrical appliances except a small radio, no rugs, no upholstered chairs, no glass windows or screens, and no piped-in water.

Senhor Rosa used to ride a bicycle to work; but he is now retired, due to ill health, though he hasn't reached the age of 60. A small pension will be his only income for the rest of his life.

But last month, according to Missionary Gene H. Wise, pastor of the Zumbi Church, Senhor Rosa gave a special offering of 60,000 cruzeiros (about \$400 U. S.) — almost one year's salary on the basis of the minimum wage in Rio. He had received his disability insurance and had brought the title to the Lord's house.

Asked whether he did not regret having given so much money to the church at one time, he looked startled for a moment (that such a question should be asked), then grinned widely. "Oh, no!" he said. "The Lord has blessed me so much in giving me my disability payment so I can fix my house up better than I'm more than happy to be able to show my gratitude in this way."

## Tishomingo County Has Carol Sing

The Christmas Carol Sing of the Tishomingo County Association was held at the First Baptist Church, Belmont, December 20, from 2:00 to 3:30 p. m.

The total attendance was 210, with 7 pastors, 12 music directors and 8 organists and pianists present.

or God's. — Douglas G. McKenzie, December HOME LIFE.

## Ministerial Assn. Seeks To Halt Sunday Training At Camp Shelby

The Hattiesburg Ministerial Association is appealing to Governor-elect Ross Barnett to halt National Guard training on Sundays at Camp Shelby.

The action was taken at the association's recent meeting at Central Christian Church.

As Sunday training takes many members away from their churches, the ministers are suggesting that the training be held on some other day.

Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and secretary of the association, was requested to write Barnett and ask him to change the routine.

Rev. Max Walters, pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, said the association has written the present administration, but has received no reply.

## Neshoba Pastors Elect Officers

Rev. James E. Walker, pastor of the East Philadelphia church, was elected president of the Neshoba Baptist Ministerial Association.

Rev. V. J. Moss, pastor of the Good Hope church, was elected vice president, and Rev. Ben Davis, pastor of Hope and Dixon, was named secretary.

## Evangelism Year Is Recommended

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BWA) — A world-wide emphasis on evangelism in 1964 has been recommended by the Commission on Evangelism of the Baptist World Alliance.

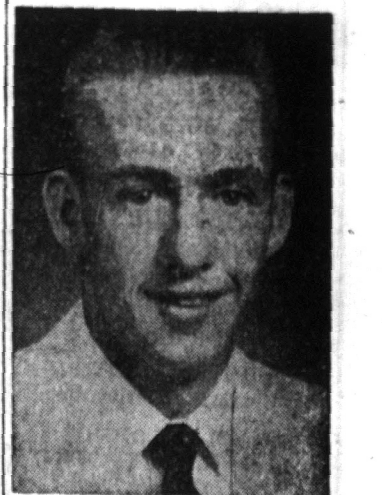
Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, La., commission chairman, reported that the commission would urge "all constituent Baptist unions and conventions to arrange special programs to carry out this evangelistic emphasis." The date coincides with the evangelistic emphasis being given by North American Baptists in their current Baptist Jubilee Advance and would serve also as preparation for celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Baptist World Alliance in 1965.

The Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training, headed by Dr. Benjamin Browne and Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, recommended that the following year, 1965, be devoted to world-wide emphasis on Bible study, Bible teaching and membership training.

## Christmas Service

Coldwater Church (Neshoba Asso.) will have special Christmas Program Sunday Night, December 20th.

The Choir of the Church, under the direction of Bill Turner, will present a special Christmas program. Rev. Clyde Wroten is pastor.



Rev. Gerald H. Smith

## Licensed

Gerald H. Smith was recently licensed to the Gospel ministry by the New Sight Church, Brookhaven.

Gerald, a sophomore at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, plans to continue his education at Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. C. L. Boland is pastor at New Sight.